EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

HELD IN

PHILADELPHIA,

BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE NINTH DAY OF THE FIFTH MONTH TO THE THIRTEENTH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE,

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S. W. COR. FIFTEENTH AND RACE STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

EXTRACTS.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 9th day of the Fifth month to the 13th of the same, inclusive, 1898.

Reports were received from all of our constituent branches, by which it appears that one hundred and eighteen Friends have been named as representatives to attend the service of this Meeting, who, being called, were all present except eight. For the absence of three sufficient reasons were assigned.

Minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were produced and read as follows :

For Robert S. Haviland, a Minister from Chappaqua Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Chappaqua, New York, Eleventh month 11th, 1897.

For Joshua B. Washburn, an Elder, companion to Robert S. Haviland, from Chappaqua Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Eleventh month 11th, 1897.

For Isaac Wilson, a Minister, and his wife, Ruth C. Wilson, an Elder, as companion, from West Lake Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Bloomfield, Ontario, Fourth month 21st, 1898.

For John J. Cornell, a Minister, and his wife, Eliza H. Cornell, an Elder from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Park Avenue, Baltimore, Fifth month 4th, 1898.

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond were received and read.

To respond as way opens to these evidences of regard and Christian fellowship, and also to assist the Clerks in gathering the exercises of the Meeting, and in transcribing and forwarding the Epistles, a committee was appointed.

(For these Epistles see Appendix, commencing page 91.)

The representatives were desired to confer and propose to the next sitting the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Clerk; also the names of two Friends to serve as Assistant Clerks the present year. They were also requested to propose the names of Friends to compose a committee to unite with a committee of Women's Meeting in examining and settling the Treasurer's account, reporting the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, nominating a Friend to serve as Treasurer, and two Friends to act as Correspondents of the Meeting.

Second-day—Afternoon.

The representatives reported that they had met as

directed, and that they were united in proposing the name of Emmor Roberts for Clerk, and also the names of Isaac H. Hillborn and Alfred Moore for Assistant Clerks, which on separate consideration were united with and the Friends appointed to the respective services.

They also proposed the names of Friends to join a committee of Women's Meeting in examining and settling the Treasurer's account, reporting the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year; in nominating a Friend to serve as Treasurer, and two Friends to act as Correspondents of this Meeting, which were united with and the Friends named appointed to the service.

This committee was requested to nominate a small committee to examine the accounts of the Trustees of the John M. George bequest, the Samuel Jeanes fund and of the Trustees of the Joseph Jeanes fund, at dates to be selected by the Trustees near to but previous to the Yearly Meeting of 1899.

A concern was introduced that the time had come when this Yearly Meeting should address an epistle to London Yearly Meeting. The subject was feelingly considered, but unity was not felt with action being taken by this Meeting at this time.

The Commitee on Education and the disposition of

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the income from the Samuel Jeanes fund produced the following report, which was read, considered and united with.

The committee was continued, encouraged to further labor, and authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for needful expenditures.

The Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes fund are directed to pay to this committee the income arising therefrom as it may be needed.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee to which has been assigned the furtherance of the cause of education amongst us, and the disposition of the income from the Samuel Jeanes Fund, has held seven meetings since our last report, which have been attended by the larger part of the persons thereon appointed.

Its first care has been for the improvement of the schools in charge of committees appointed by the Monthly or Preparative Meetings, considering their requests for aid from the funds set apart for that purpose; in doing so the committee has felt called upon to examine weightily the conditions under which these schools are situated, and has endeavored to stimulate energy on the part of the local committees and patrons of the schools to make them as nearly self-sustaining as possible, and where Friends are not able to send their children to these schools, committees have been encouraged to as-

certain the reasons, and relieve to some extent their inability through the funds appropriated, using great care that a feeling of dependence be not fostered.

For this purpose the larger part of the income fund has been expended, and we believe has done much towards relieving the needs of schools, and enabled the local committees to secure teachers of a better grade and in sufficient numbers to make the schools more attractive and profitable. The urgent needs of a number of young Friends have been met through loans, without interest, returnable to the committee when they are able.

The need of training, in the line of their profession, by many of those desiring positions as teachers, has long been manifest. After careful consideration a subcommittee was set apart to formulate a plan, if feasible, of a Normal Department. The results of their labors was the establishment of a teachers' class at Fifteenth and Race Streets, Philadelphia, in Tenth month last. It has proven, we feel, very beneficial. There has been an enrollment of twenty-seven members, of whom seven secured positions during the term, and most of the others have been engaged for the coming season.

Through this means we have been enabled to render assistance to schools desiring it by substituting teachers for such times and places as may be required; 461 days have been substituted or special branches taught by members of this class. Thankfulness on the part of persons enrolled in this department has been expressed

to the committee for the assistance that has been rendered them.

A course of lectures upon scientific subjects has been established for the benefit of the schools; 106 of these have been given, and we are encouraged to believe, from the reports received from these schools, that they have materially added to their usefulness. We would, however, suggest that an increased interest in these lectures could be made were they more largely attended by parents and others interested in the schools. These and the conferences held on the subject of education have proven an important feature of the work of our appointment.

The establishment of a system of traveling libraries, spoken of in our last report, has been accomplished. Two of these are now in use, with two others in the course of preparation. Meetings, schools, and First-day Schools desiring these should address Isaac H. Hillborn, 1305 Somerset Street, Philadelphia.

The assistance rendered last year to our two valuable papers, the "Friends' Intelligencer and Journal" and the "Scattered Seeds," having proven so satisfactory to the committee in the way it was applied, we felt encouraged to do the same this year. Through this means we have been enabled to assist in having the former of these papers sent to many homes in isolated places, where, according to information given us, they have been thankfully received and appreciated. The valuable lessons for the smaller classes in the First-day

Schools, as published in the "Scattered Seeds" each month, we feel have more than realized the expectations of the committee in appropriating the amount we have to increase the usefulness of that paper, and both have been in accord with the spirit of the gift for the dissemination of literature on subjects moral, scientific and truthful.

We have released our friend, Aaron B. Ivins, at his own request, from the position which he has held for many years under the direction of this committee, realizing that we shall sustain a loss when his valuable cooperation is withdrawn.

The cause of education, we feel, is being greatly stimulated amongst us. Parents are becoming more conscious of this duty toward their children, and with the desire to lead them in paths of rectitude is coupled the wish to place them in such institutions of learning as shall assist in their moral as well as their mental development, and we are glad to feel that our Society is becoming able to aid them materially in this important duty.

We trust in grateful appreciation of this assistance and concern, the Society of Friends will in the near future receive the impetus it justly deserves for these blessings that have been bestowed upon its members.

Orders have been drawn on the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting for the following amounts:

Aid to Schools	$825 41
Teachers' Class	500 00
Conferences and Lectures	64 00
Incidental expenses of committee	36 92
Total	$1,426 36

Drafts have been made on the Income Fund as follows:

Aid to Schools	$6,830 00
Training Class	1,000 00
Conferences and Lectures	686 03
Dissemination of Literature	848 60
Total	$9,364 63

Care has been taken that no portion of the income fund be expended on the city schools.

By direction of the committee,

LEWIS V. SMEDLEY, Clerk.
LUCY S. COOPER, Assistant Clerk.

The Committee on George School presented the following report, which was read, considered, accepted and approved. The committee was continued and encouraged.

The Trustees of the bequest of John M. George are directed to pay to this committee as needed during the coming year twenty thousand dollars of the income therefrom.

Report from the Committee on George School.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The school has been open for the usual length of time during the past year. Its operations have been to a large degree satisfactory. The health of those residing there has been generally good. One case of mumps and a number of cases of sore throat may be mentioned as having occurred; and one pupil has, within the last few weeks, been extremely ill. We are deeply thankful that he is recovering.

The students have been generally attentive to their duties, have made good progress in their studies, and have shown a commendable interest in the institution. A great difficulty in instruction continues to lie in the imperfect and irregular preparation of pupils, who come without adequate knowledge of the fundamental rules of arithmetic and grammar, and with careless habits in their use of language. The endeavor to cure these defects makes much special teaching necessary.

The variety of courses of study provided for adds much to the expenses of the school, but we believe these advantages are worth their cost. We desire to call the attention of all interested to the privileges of our students in this respect.

We would mention as work in a special direction that about three hundred pear and two hundred apple trees were grafted by the pupils, about one hundred of whom participated in it. It is the intention that pupils shall

be allowed to take or dispose of the trees that they have grafted.

A trolley road between Langhorne and Newtown is now in operation along the turnpike on the easterly side of the property. This increases the convenience of access to the school.

We received in the Tenth month from the Representative Committee a copy of a minute adopted by them, as follows:

"This committee has been informed by the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, Executor of the will of Jacob Fretz, deceased, late of Bucks County, Pa., that the testator, after giving a number of small legacies, bequeathed to the George School the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars after the decease of certain beneficiaries thereof for life, and also gave and devised to the said school all the rest, residue and remainder of his estate, in which is included real estate in the states of Pennsylvania and Florida. The Executor also informed the committee that the will of testator contained a power to sell his real estate, and it desired to be advised whether it should sell the same or whether it would be accepted in kind. Upon consideration, this committee is united in the judgment that the said Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, Executor of the will of Jacob Fretz, should exercise the power of sale contained in his last will and testament, and sell and convert into cash all of the real estate of the decedent when a suitable opportunity is afforded. Alfred Moore and David Masters are ap-

pointed to give such further attention to the subject of the provisions of the said will as may be required."

The class graduated in 1897 consisted of thirteen boys and twenty-two girls. The number of pupils enrolled during this year is 181, 153 of whom are boarders and 28 are day pupils, as follows:

Boarders who are members of our Society	108
Boarders who have one parent a member	38
Boarders who have neither parent a member	7
Day pupils who are members	3
Day pupils who have one parent a member	3
Day pupils who have neither parent a member	22

Of the boarders 80 are girls and 73 are boys. Of the day pupils 13 are girls and 15 are boys. The average age is about 17¾ years.

There are 16 teachers, 13 of whom are members of our Society.

The accounts show for the school year that ended Eighth month 1st, 1897:

Net expenses of the school	$42,768 49
Receipts on account of pupils	26,276 39
Deficiency made up from the income of the endowment fund	$16,492 10

A charge of $2,054.42 for depreciation of furniture, etc., is included in the above statement of expenses.

An analysis of these expenses shows that they

amounted to $253.50 for each boarding pupil, and to $100.54 for each day pupil.

The following is an abstract of the accounts for the year ending Fourth month 1st, 1898:

Balance of cash on hand Fourth month 1st, 1897		$8,237 48
Received from Trustees, Income	$20,000 00	
Received for Tuition, etc.	22,222 26	
Received for Farm Produce	1,241 63	
		$43,463 89
		$51,701 37
Paid on account of school	$39,474 94	
Paid for improvement of grounds	288 79	
Paid for improvement of buildings	275 00	
Paid on account of farm	3,438 98	
		$43,477 71
Balance on hand Third month 31st, 1898.		$8,223 66

The farm has received credit for milk and other produce supplied, and for the services of men and teams, to the amount of $2,141.09. The farm accounts for the year show a profit of $134.86.

The expenditures charged during the year to the account for buildings and grounds, and which are therefore considered as coming out of the principal of the fund have amounted to $588.79. The total expendi-

tures charged in this way from the commencement of work have been $236,972.49.

The total amount received from the Trustees up to this time has been $337,000.00, of which $236,000.00 was of the principal and $101,000.00 of the income of the fund.

We ask the Yearly Meeting to authorize the Trustees to pay over, as it may be needed during the coming year, $20,000.00 of the income of the fund.

On behalf of the committee,

WM. P. BANCROFT, Clerk.

Fourth month 29th, 1898.

The Committee on the Joseph Jeanes Fund made the following report, which was read, accepted and their action approved. The committee was continued and encouraged to further care.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed to have control and care of the Joseph Jeanes Fund reports that since your last session four more of our Quarterly Meetings have established Boarding Homes, and appointed committees to have care of them, viz.: Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, Salem Quarterly Meeting, Burlington Quarterly Meeting, and Western Quarterly Meeting, and that there are now organized and established within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting eight such homes and committees,

to wit, in the Quarterly Meetings of Philadelphia, Abington, Bucks, Concord, Western, Burlington, Haddonfield, and Salem. There has been received from the Trustees of the fund since our last Yearly Meeting $9,842.00 of income, which has been distributed to the homes now organized, according to the plan adopted by this committee in Fifth month last, viz.: 20 per cent. and all unappropriated quotas to be given as thought best by the Executive Committee, the remainder to be distributed according to the quotas paid by the respective Quarterly Meetings to the Yearly Meeting stock. No unappropriated quotas have as yet been distributed.

Owing to the failure of some of the Boarding Home Committees to make the reports requested by this committee it is not possible to report with certainty how many persons are accommodated in the homes, but we estimate that there are at least sixty-six, including both permanent and transient boarders.

WILLIAM T. HILLIARD, Clerk.

Fifth month 6th, 1898.

Tenth of the Month and Third of the Week.

The Committee on Philanthropic Labor made the following report, which was read, considered and adopted. The committee was continued, encouraged to further labor, and authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for necessary expenses.

A letter presented with the report was also read and directed to be printed and distributed by this committee.

The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, executor of the will of Thomas J. Husband, was authorized and requested to pay to Edmund Webster, Treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, the balance of the Benjamin Coates fund in his hands at the time of his decease, with the accrued interest thereon, and the receipt of said Treasurer for the same shall be a full and complete discharge for such payment.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The regular meetings of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor have been held with the usual attendance. A number are prevented from meeting with us owing to the distance to travel and cost of attending, who are, nevertheless, active in their neighborhoods in attention to the work of the committee. We have been helped during the year as formerly by co-operating committees appointed by most of the Quarterly Meetings, and in many cases by those of Monthly Meetings, a summary of which will appear in the account of each department of work.

Orders have been drawn on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for $397.42.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, while giving attention to the concern under its care, have found but little opportunity for active work.

During the year we have packed and forwarded several cases of sewing supplies and materials and reading matter to each of the field matrons living among the Omaha and Winnebago Indians in Nebraska. They have been gratefully acknowledged by those engaged in this important work.

Our late friend, Thomas J. Husband, deceased, was the Treasurer of the Coates Fund held for the uses of the Indian Committee. The Yearly Meeting is requested to make a minute authorizing his executor, the Pennsylvania Company for the Insurance of Lives, etc., to pay the money over to the present Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and to accept his receipt in full discharge of the account. The amount is $174.65, with some interest to be added.

While the usual number of conferences have not been held on the subjects of Temperance and Tobacco, those held have evinced the usual interest, and were generally well attended, many excellent thoughts having been given as to the best means of suppressing the evils of intemperance and the use of tobacco. While no practical results appear visible from our efforts during the past year, we are led to believe that good seed has been sown that will make appearance in the lives of the growing generation.

Many that we would wish to reach do not come to our

meetings, so that the distribution of literature is still an important part of the work, in the hope that some of it may reach them, and by its perusal lead them to investigate and learn of the truths we are striving to inculcate.

While as a religious body any direct connection with political partisanship is to be avoided, we believe that as a body we should ever use the power for good we possess, one way of which is refraining from voting for those who are in favor of a continuance of the practice of licensing crime in any form. The Young Friends' Temperance Societies of Philadelphia and Salem Quarters still continue their meetings, and need the encouragement of older interested Friends to help them in striving to do what they consider their duty in working for the advancement of the cause of total abstinence for the individual, and prohibition for the State.

The reading-rooms for boys previously reported in Philadelphia are open during the winter and early spring months, and this season are more especially under care of those interested in mission work among women and children, and while they have broadened the field of labor, the work of temperance is still part of the lesson inculcated. In Concord Quarter influence was exerted for temperance legislation before the Constitutional Convention in Delaware for the revision of the laws of the State.

Upon invitation, we appointed delegates to attend the Temperance Congress held at Saratoga, N. Y., last

Eighth month, two of whom attended and reported that the convention was small in numbers, but many interesting and suggestive papers were read. One on enforcing the necessity of an early training in habits of temperance and purity of life, was especially worthy of notice. The prevailing feeling of the convention was that there existed a need of more united action before effective work could be done. Our delegates did not feel that we could identify ourselves with the body, but that freely meeting with them and the interchange of views would be of benefit to us in our work.

Petitions were sent to Congress, asking for the passage of a bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liqors in the Capitol building, and in any other building owned or controlled by the United States Government, or upon the surrounding grounds of the same; and also for a bill in relation to the transportation of cigarettes into States where the police powers are exercised to prohibit sales under certain restrictions, neither of which has as yet been passed.

A communication was sent to the Faculty of Princeton University, expressing our sympathy with the regulations adopted by it to protect as far as possible the boys from the temptations of the drink habit.

Much concern was felt in regard to the so-called temperance drinks, and fear was expressed that the habit of treating to these might lead to the use of more harmful drinks. There appears to be a growing tendency towards a more enlightened knowledge of the direful effects of

alcoholic poisons, one writer lately saying, "The healthy mind should combat all tendencies towards disintegration. It can be clean and strong only by being true. All stimulants, narcotics, and tonics which affect the nervous system in whatever way reduce the truthfulness of sensation, thought and action. The man who would see clearly, think truthfully, and act efficiently must avoid them all."

The sub-committee on Colored People have met regularly, and in Tenth month, 1897, sent out an appeal to all of the Monthly Meetings constituting the Yearly Meeting, asking for a continuance of aid for the two schools heretofore claiming our assistance. Replies from forty-five (45) meetings were received, showing that eleven (11) Monthly Meetings and two (2) Quarterly Meetings have sent barrels and boxes of clothing. Seven Monthly Meetings and one Quarterly Meeting report contributions in money, two hundred and seven (207) dollars, being the aggregate of the sums named, but several who have contributed money do not mention the sum. In twenty Monthly Meetings the subject was referred to the Philanthropic Committee, or a committee appointed for the purpose, while five Monthly Meetings left it to the individual members. We feel that the sentiment of helpfulness is growing, and that increased aid has been extended, but the depressed condition of finances in some localities makes any extended liberality almost impossible. In six instances no action was taken, "considering that their duties were at an end nearer home."

By letter from Abby D. Monroe it appears that the Laing N. and I. School has done excellent work the past year. The health of the pupils has been good, and the attendance so steady that the progress in all the departments is very satisfactory. Visitors are surprised to see pupils so young in the higher grades, but this is owing to their constant attendance since they were six or seven years of age. As many as four hundred and twenty have been registered at one time, and four hundred have been present. During Second month, out of 365 registered 360 was the average attendance. "The teachers have worked satisfactorily and well." Some of the rooms are over-crowded, and one hundred in one room are entirely too many, but as there were no funds to employ another teacher they had to do the best they could.

There is no permanent debt against this work, nor has there been since its start; but the needs of the situation seem to exceed the uncertain income, and debts cannot be avoided, unless some more constant means of supply is provided. The Industrial Department goes on, and a class of both boys and girls are taught the rudiments of shoemaking by the "village cobbler." One young girl will open a repair shop on her return home. The girls are all expected to give a portion of their time to sewing during the whole term of their attendance at the School.

A property adjoining the School has been purchased through the legacy of Hannah Willits, thus preventing the building of anything which might be objectionable and probably cut off the sea breeze so necessary to their

comfort in warm weather. The remainder of the legacy, $1500, will be made the nucleus of an Endowment Fund, which they hope will be enlarged in the future. They publish their report in the "Laing School Visitor," which they hope will reach their friends.

The Schofield School seems to have maintained the same standard of excellence during the year as heretofore. The carpenter, harness and machine shops have been well patronized; also the printing office, it being the best in the place. The farm is run by about ten boys and five girls, and the proceeds given to the boarding school and the tuition of these farm hands thus paid for. "They keep out of debt," that being their principle of action, funds seeming to come in as needed. The teachers who go out from the School seem to carry the good influences gathered here to the people to whom they are sent.

The subjects of kindness to animals, temperance, patriotism, and love of nature, receive regular attention during the school year, and are a part of the program. Visitors are always welcomed and are felt to give an enthusiasm and new impulse for good whenever they come. Martha Schofield desires that Friends may feel that what they send to these Schools is well bestowed.

Colored Schools near Philadelphia are remembered by gifts of fruit and dainties at Christmas time. Friends also reach the colored people in their own localities by banks and penny lunches; also the Star Kitchen, Co-operative Shoe Club, Coal Club of over three hundred

members, all colored, who are induced to save during the whole year to provide themselves with coal, and also in many ways help to uplift this downtrodden race.

On the subject of improper publications, six conferences have been held, in which earnest appeals have been made for a purer press. The individual visiting of editors was advised, and in many instances this has been done. Some Monthly Meetings report the distribution of healthful literature in places where it is needed. In addition, 50 copies of "Children's Friend," and 200 copies of "Women's Health Protective Association," and several copies of the "Philanthropist," have been distributed. An Indian School in Kansas was furnished with good literature, and over a hundred leaflets have been put into the houses of poor children in Camden. Thirty-five copies of "Dumb Animals" were subscribed for to be sent throughout various communities.

The committee has thought well to include jails in our distribution of literature. Besides the work of the committee as a body, there has been considerable individual work in this line. And as our eyes are opened to the great need, there is a growing interest, and, we trust, a stronger feeling of responsibility to supplant evil publications with those that are really good and pure.

The Committee on Purity have not done much outside of individual effort the past year. We feel education upon the subject is greatly needed, though to bring this about to the best advantage is a question claiming much of our attention. Believing "The Philanthropist" is

one of the greatest educators in this line, fifteen copies have been subscribed for for the year and distributed among members of different Quarterly Meetings; also 200 copies of the pamphlet on "The Teacher's Opportunity," which we hope will bear fruit in the future.

Informal talks and lectures upon Purity have been given through different organizations throughout the Yearly Meeting, but there are apparently but few of the Quarterly and Monthly Metings giving this subject any special attention. But from the work of the few we trust others in line will be led to see the necessity of action on the part of all.

On the subject of Peace and Arbitration eight conferences have been held. The one in Salem was more especially on the history of the peace movement. These meetings seem to have been well attended and full of interest. At Swarthmore, "Peace-day" was observed by the Friends of that place, and as the second First-day of Twelfth month is generally acknowledged as "Peace-day," we feel to recommend its observance.

Wilmington Friends have held several Peace Meetings, and, in conjunction with the Peace Society there, opposed and prevented the introduction of military drill in the public schools. In Philadelphia, Friends were appointed to present a protest to the Sub-Committee of the Board of Education on the same subject.

On Fifth-day evening of Yearly Meeting week, Aaron M. Powell, of New York, gave an address, which was received with much satisfaction.

The present complication of our Government with Spain has engaged the earnest attention of our members, and messages of sympathy have been sent to our President in his efforts for peace, and the hope extended that he might be able to guide our Nation through these troubles without a resort to arms.

Our committee has been earnest in its appeals that we shall be vigilant not only as a committee, but as individuals, knowing that there is so much to be done before that point is reached "when Nation shall not lift sword against Nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Reports from the Quarters working among women and children have been received as follows: Concord reports night and sewing schools successfully conducted; flowers sent to Philadelphia hospitals during last summer; also boxes sent before Christmas for children in destitute homes in Philadelphia from Swarthmore. Also that a few kindergarten and sewing schools have been maintained in Wilmington.

Salem Quarter reports four conferences held, one on "True Living," the others on "Home Influence." Also that the Savings Fund and Sewing School of Salem are having a healthful influence upon the goodly number of those who come under their care.

Burlington Quarter reports that their Sewing School meets on Seventh-day afternoons. Many garments have been given to the needy known to its members. Moral stories have been read to the children when assembled. School closed Third month 19th, 1898.

Philadelphia Quarter reports that the boys' reading room is being continued this season at 3725 Lancaster Avenue, West Philadelphia, the outlook being very encouraging.

Friends' Mission, No. 1, at Beach Street and Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, after being operated with more or less success for nearly twenty years under the care of the Philadelphia First-day School Union, was placed partly under the care of Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting's Philanthropic Committee. Earnest efforts were made to find those who felt called to help uplift others less fortunate than themselves in their home surroundings, with the result that "the Mission has been better supplied with teachers than it has been in the past. During the holding of First-day School, Sewing School and Boys' Evenings (Third and Fifth days), the room is filled, with others waiting to be admitted. Were it possible to secure a building where we could have the larger children separated from the smaller, and in which the sanitary conditions were not a constant menace to health, we believe we could extend our sphere of usefulness in that locality. Insufficient light is a great detriment to the children in the Sewing School. The vitiated air, due to our inability to properly ventilate the room, to the adjoining saloon, and to the damp cellar, render the room unpleasant as well as unhealthy."

The Women's Home Influence also reports last year as having been organized, and the meetings at Fifteenth and Race Streets are being continued with unabated in-

terest. Papers have been read and discussed relative to the improvement of the home and home-makers. One Meeting was a general conference of men and women to consider the higher ideals of home life, at which about one thousand persons were present. At one meeting, Elizabeth Powell Bond read a paper on "The Training of Children in Reverence." This we have had printed for gratuitous distribution. Earnest thought has been given to the establishment of Mothers' Meetings in various localities, which we hope will bear fruit in the future.

Our co-operation was asked in securing the use of the yards of the Meeting-house at Fifteenth and Race Streets for a summer playground or outdoor kindergarten for poor children, but way did not open for the Property Committee to grant the use of them for the purpose proposed.

The conferences of those interested in the philanthropic labor in the different Yearly Meetings will be held next Eighth month at Richmond, Indiana, and to which we intend sending delegates. As these meetings in the past have been of benefit to those engaged in philanthropic work, we believe that this one will also tend to build up and strengthen us in our work of helping and serving.

Signed for and in behalf of the Committee,

JAMES H. ATKINSON,
ELEANOR K. RICHARDS,
Clerks.

Fourth month 30th, 1898.

The committee on the subject of First-day Schools presented the following report, which was read, accepted and their labors approved. The committee was released and a Nominating Committee to unite with a Committee of Women's Meeting in bringing forward the names of Friends to compose a new committee to carry on the work, was appointed.

Report of the Committee on the Subject of First-day Schools.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In making this, our eighth annual report, we are reminded that ere long the work will probably pass into other hands, and the question naturally comes closely home to us, What practical work have we done the past year? Endeavoring to keep in touch with the various Quarters, we have received reports from all and have extended a general care. From these reports we gather that there is, on the whole, a healthful tone pleasant to note, which of itself indicates life and consequently growth.

We greet with much pleasure such word as comes from several of the sections that the schools are in good healthy condition, and that the numbers are very encouraging; also that the good work is steadily advancing, and plain, practical teaching in the line of Friendly thought is growing amongst us. The children are slowly, but surely, realizing that it is the voice of the Father

which checks them in wrong doing; that He is near and will preserve them if they are open to His gentle impressions.

There comes from a distant Quarter the comforting assurance that a growing interest in our Religious Society is manifest through this accessory to the meeting. Where depression exists in some places, on account of falling off in numbers, it is more than offset by others in which the outlook is upward in all respects, where a deepening interest in the work is shown and a spirit of unselfishness in the performance of duty manifest. In a few schools which have lost in numbers the percentage of attendance is better.

Through the agency of our schools we believe the blessed principle of the divinity within, the Christ power to lead and direct, is being presented to our youth and spread also beyond our own borders. The field of our labor widens and the work calls loudly for willing helpers who will take up this service for the Master and for the strength and perpetuation of our loved Society. It also calls for a deeper search on our part for the truth and for improved methods of presenting it.

A most encouraging feature is the great interest manifested in many schools in the more earnest and intelligent study of the Bible. In Sixth month last a Conference, under the care of this Committee, was held in Wilmington, one important feature of which was the promotion of such study. The best practical methods of teaching known amongst us were also compared, and the

Conference was felt to be a profitable occasion. Systematic work in the line of Bible study has been going forward in a number of schools with new interest and with the most satisfactory results.

Reports have been received from sixty-eight First-day Schools within the limits of our Yearly Meeting, seven of which, Chichester, Birmingham, Old Kennett, George School, Camden, West Chester and Rancocas, have no Committee of Oversight appointed by their meetings. 5167 pupils are enrolled. There are 638 officers and teachers, 527 of whom are members; 2173 of the number enrolled are adults; 2528 of the pupils enrolled are members of Meeting; 538 have one parent a member; 22,018 books are in the libraries. The expenses of this Committee have been $40.78, for which draft has been made on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

We would suggest that a new Committee be appointed by the Yearly Meeting for this important service.

Signed by direction of the Committee,

MARY MCALLISTER, Clerk.
SAMUEL C. LAMBERT, Clerk for the day.

Philadelphia, Fourth month 2d, 1898.

Third-day—Afternoon.

The present Recorder for the Yearly Meeting, Anna Jenkins Ferris, having requested to be released from

further service, the Meeting united in granting her request. The committee heretofore appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, etc., was requested to propose the name of a suitable Friend to act in that capacity.

The committee appointed in 1896, and continued last year, to consider whether any and if so what changes are desirable in the Trustees by whom the funds of the Yearly Meeting are held, presented the following report, which was read. Upon deliberate consideration thereof the Meeting approved of the application therein mentioned, and the recommendations therein contained were united with. A committee was appointed to unite with a committee of Women's Meeting in nominating to a future sitting thirty-two Friends to act as corporators of the proposed corporation, and also ten Friends to act as Trustees of the property of the Yearly Meeting, situate on the north side of Cherry Street, west of Fifteenth Street, in the city of Philadelphia.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed two years ago and continued last year, in reference to the trust property of the Yearly Meeting, and other trusts, present the following report:

First, We submit, herewith, the draft of an application to the Court of Common Pleas for an order of incorporation, under the general laws of the State of Pennsylvania, for a committee, to be entitled "Trustees of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends." The several provisions in relation to the proposed Trustees will appear upon reading the aforesaid draft of application.

Second, If the Yearly Meeting shall approve the application, we propose that the persons appointed by the Meeting to become Trustees shall be authorized by the Yearly Meeting to apply to the Court for such a charter, and to proceed to organize under the powers granted them.

Third, We recommend (1) that it be directed by the Yearly Meeting that the John M. George, the Samuel Jeanes, the Joseph Jeanes, the Deborah Foreman, and the Sarah Zane Trusteeships shall be transferred to the proposed Incorporated Trustees, under such trusts, and at such times previous to the Yearly Meeting of 1899, as the present Trustees of the respective funds, the Incorporated Trustees, and a sub-committee to be appointed by the Representative Committee, shall agree on as suitable and proper; also (2) that the Incorporated Trustees shall be authorized to take charge of the Jacob Fretz property under such declaration of trusts as shall be approved by the Yearly Meeting's Committee on George School.

Fourth, By the terms of the trust under which the meeting house property on Cherry Street, west of Fif-

teenth Street, is now held, the Trustees are to convey it as the Yearly Meeting shall by minutes direct, either upon the same trusts as those upon which they hold it, or upon other trusts, to other Trustees to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, one of each Quarterly Meeting, or to any person or persons in fee simple, clear and discharged of all trusts. Under these provisions the title to the property could not be transferred in trust directly from the present Trustees to the proposed Incorporated Trustees.

We propose that the Yearly Meeting shall direct the present Trustees to transfer it to ten other Trustees, men and women, who shall be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, one out of each Quarterly Meeting, in trust, nevertheless, for the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held in Philadelphia, to be held, used and enjoyed according to the rules, regulations, usages and discipline of said Religious Society, or to be disposed of and conveyed accordingly as the said Yearly Meeting shall by minutes direct, either to other Trustees, or to another Trustee, to be appointed by said Yearly Meeting upon the same or other trusts, or to any person or persons in fee simple, clear and discharged of all trusts; and that by another minute the proposed ten new Trustees when appointed shall be directed to convey the property to the proposed body of Incorporated Trustees, upon trusts identical with those upon which they will have received it.

Fifth, We recommend that the Incorporated Trus-

tees be directed by the Yearly Meeting to prepare and submit to the Yearly Meeting of 1899, for its action, general rules in reference to the acceptance by said Trustees of such trusts, other than those of the Yearly Meeting, as are described in the proposed application to the Court.

In the appointment, at this time, of the thirty two persons who will become the Trustees, we suggest to the Meeting that the eight members of the proposed first class shall be members two each of Philadelphia, Abington, Bucks and Concord Quarterly Meetings; the eight members of the second class shall be members two each of Caln, Western, Southern and Burlington Quarterly Meetings; six of those of the third class shall be members two each of Haddonfield and Salem Quarterly Meetings, and of Fishing Creek Half-Year's Meeting; and that two of the members of the third class and all those of the fourth class shall be appointed without reference to the place of their membership in the Yearly Meeting.

We propose that, after the present year, in the appointment of the Trustees, they shall be so appointed that there shall continue to be two members from each Quarterly Meeting and Half-Year Meeting, and ten others appointed without reference to the place of their membership.

We propose that an equal number of men and women shall be appointed Trustees.

We propose that the Yearly Meeting shall authorize

the Trustees, when appointed, to make, if they shall think it desirable, upon approval by competent legal counsel, any verbal alteration or addition in the application which would, in their and the counsel's judgment, be needed to more clearly and exactly express the objects intended to be embodied in the charter.

Expenses have been incurred to the amount of $45.40, for which draft has been made upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

WM. W. BIRDSALL,
ANNIE SHOEMAKER,
Clerks.

The Trustees of the bequest of John M. George presented their Ninth Annual Report, duly audited, which was read and approved as follows :

THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BEQUEST OF JOHN M. GEORGE, DECEASED.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Fifth month 5th, 1897. Balance of securities and cash in our hands reported to the Yearly Meeting of 1897, and approved by the Auditing Committee.....$150,028 01

Twelfth month 31st, 1897. Interest on deposits allowed by Girard Life Insurance, Annuity and Trust Co..... $247 48

Fourth month 30th, 1898.		
Land Title and Trust Co...		377 52
Total interest on deposits.		$625 00
Interest on mortgages from Fifth month 5th, 1897, to Fifth month 4th, 1898....		21,586 96
Total receipts of income for the year.....		$22,211 96
We have expended on account of the year's income the following sums :		
Costs of foreclosure of mortgage for $5000, originally assigned to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting by the executors of John M. George, deceased, and by the Treasurer to us	$163 85	
Clerks' Salary	300 00	
Rent of Safe Deposit Room	5 00	
Incidentals	39 75	508 60
Net balance of income....		$21,703 36
We have paid out on drafts of the General Committee the following sums on account of		

the income of the trust :		
Fifth month 22d, 1897	$4,000 00	
Sixth month 30th, 1897	2,000 00	
Eleventh month 19th, 1897	5,000 00	
Twelfth month 22d, 1897	2,000 00	
Third month 24th, 1898	4,000 00	
Third month 24th, 1898	3,000 00	20,000 00
Surplus income for the year		1,703 36
Balance of cash and securities in our hands		$451,731 40
The above balance consists of :		
Cash		$43,831 40
Bonds and mortgages		402,900 00
Real estate originally mortgaged for		5,000 00
		$451,731 40
And is composed of :		
Principal		$407,342 22
Income		44,389 18
		$451,731 40

Since Fifth month 5th, 1897, mortgages to the total amount of $49,650 have been paid off, and the sum of $39,000 has been invested by the Trustees.

Arrears of interest on mortgages of the Trust at the date of this report amount to $975.50.

ALFRED MOORE,
FRANKLIN W. HALLOWELL,
EDWARD ATKINSON,
JOSEPH T. BUNTING,
THOMAS BAKER,
BENNETT S. WALTON,
DAVID MASTERS,
Trustees.

Phila., Fifth month 4th, 1898.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, deceased, which is hereto appended, together with the securities and cash, have been examined by the undersigned auditors appointed by the Yearly Meeting for that purpose and found correct.

HOWARD M. COOPER,
WILLIAM T. HILLIARD,
WESLEY HALDEMAN,
MARY MCALLISTER,
CYNTHIA S. HOLCOMB.

Fifth month 4th, 1898.

The Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes fund presented their Third Annual Report, duly audited, which was read and approved as follows :

The Third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Fifth month 4th, 1898. Balance of securities and cash in our hands reported to the Yearly Meeting of 1897, and approved by Auditing Committee		$202,404 30
Fifth month 2d, 1898. Interest on deposits allowed by Fidelity Trust Co	$59 51	
Interest on mortgages from Fifth month 5th, 1897, to Fifth month 4th, 1898.....	9,162 63	
Rents of houses to Fourth month 30th, 1898, less all expenses	466 64	
Total receipts of income for the year		9,688 78
Total		$212,093 08

During the year we have paid out the following sums on orders of the Committee on Education and Schools :

Eighth month 13th, 1897, Edmund Webster, Treasurer ..	$1,000 00
Ninth month 29th, 1897, Edmund Webster, Treasurer ..	3,000 00

Eleventh month 29th, 1897, Edmund Webster, Treasurer		2,000 00	
Second month 10th, 1898, Edmund Webster, Treasurer ..		2,000 00	
Third month 23d, 1898, Edmund Webster, Treasurer ..		1,000 00	
Fourth month 29th, 1898, Edmund Webster, Treasurer ..		1,000 00	
Total		$10,000 00	
We have also paid out for expenses of foreclosure of six mortgages of $1400 each, including arrears of taxes, water rents, gas bills, etc....		1,081 61	
And for expenses of the Trust :			
Clerk's salary	$300 00		
Rent of Safe Room...	5 00		
Incidentals	9 00	314 00	11,395 61
Leaving a balance in our hands of.....			$200,697 47
Composed of bonds and mortgages.....			$190,200 00
Six houses which were mortgaged to us for $1400 each (assessed for taxes at $1700 each)			8,400 00
Cash			2,097 47
			$200,697 47

Since Fifth month 5th, 1897, one mortgage for $1100 has been paid off. The Trustees have not yet been able to reinvest this amount. We have kept all our houses occupied. All the matured rents up to Fourth month 30th, 1898, have been paid. All of the interest due up to Fifth month 4th, 1898, has been paid except $698.90.

Alfred Moore,
Franklin W. Hallowell,
Edward Atkinson,
Joseph T. Bunting,
Thomas Baker,
Bennett S. Walton,
David Masters,

Trustees.

Philada., Fifth month 4th, 1898.

The Third Annual Report of the Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes Fund, which is hereto appended, together with the securities and cash, have been examined by the undersigned auditors appointed by the Yearly Meeting for that purpose and found correct.

Howard M. Cooper,
William T. Hilliard,
Wesley Haldeman,
Mary McAllister,
Cynthia S. Holcomb.

Dated Fifth month 4th, 1898.

The Trustees of the Joseph Jeanes fund presented their Second Annual Report, duly audited, which was read and approved as follows :

The Second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Joseph Jeanes Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Fifth month 5th, 1897. Balance of securities and cash in our hands, reported to the Yearly Meeting of 1897, and approved by Auditing Committee.....		$205,288 05
Fourth month 30th, 1898. Interest on deposits allowed by Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities	$174 39	
Interest on mortgages from Fifth month 5th, 1897, to Fifth month 4th, 1898.....	10,295 17	
Total receipts of income for the year		$10,469 56
		$215,757 61

During the year we have paid out the following sums on orders of the General Committee on Joseph Jeanes Fund:

Fifth month 18th, 1897:

Isaac Parry, Treasurer, Abington Home	$766 77
David Palmer, Treasurer, Bucks Home	766 77
Mary Darlington, Treasurer, Concord Home	766 77

Mary C. Rogers, Treasurer, Haddonfield Home	317 28		
Eleventh month 8th, 1897 :			
Robert M. Early, Treasurer, Philadelphia Home	1,932 25		
Isaac Parry, Treasurer, Abington Home	666 62		
David Palmer, Treasurer, Bucks Home	666 62		
Mary Darlington, Treasurer, Concord Home	666 62		
Mary C. Rogers, Treasurer, Haddonfield Home	345 14		
Annie E. Pancoast, Treasurer, Salem Home	753 11		
Total distribution of income . .		$7,647	95
We have paid out for expenses of the Trust :			
Clerk's salary	$300 00		
Rent of Safe Room	5 00		
Incidentals	20 00	325	00
		7,972	95
Leaving a balance in our hands of		$207,784	66
Composed of bonds and mortgages		$200,000	00
Cash		7,784	66
		$207,784	66

Since Fifth month 5th, 1897, $5550 has been paid off on account of the principal of mortgages, all of which has been reinvested by the Trustees. All the matured interest at the date of this report has been paid in full.

HARRISON STREETER,
ANNE M. GRISCOM,
SAML. WICKERSHAM,
ANNA M. BUNTING,
T. O. ATKINSON,
MARY S. PARRY,
JOSEPH T. BUNTING,
Trustees.

The Second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Joseph Jeanes Fund, which is hereto appended, together with the securities and cash, have been examined by the undersigned auditors appointed by the Yearly Meeting for that purpose and found correct.

HOWARD M. COOPER,
WILLIAM T. HILLIARD,
WESLEY HALDEMAN,
MARY MCALLISTER,
CYNTHIA S. HOLCOMB.

Dated Fifth month 4th, 1898.

The following report from the Correspondent, concerning isolated members, was read, considered, and her suggestion approved. A committee was appointed to unite with a committee of Women's Meeting in the preparation of an essay of an epistle to be presented to a future sitting :

To the Yearly Meeting:

Last year I was appointed Correspondent concerning Isolated Members, without any definite instructions as to the duties of that office.

I have received from most of the Monthly Meetings the names and addresses of their isolated members, and expect to hear from the other Meetings soon.

As it appears from communications received that not more than half of our Monthly Meetings correspond with their distant members annually, I suggest that this Yearly Meeting send to these Friends who are so far removed from us an epistle showing a loving interest in their welfare.

ELIZABETH LLOYD, Correspondent.

Eleventh of the Month and Fourth of the Week.

A communication from Clarkson Butterworth, of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, after examination, was read and referred to the Committee on Philanthropic Labor.

A communication received from Friends' Anti-vivisection Association, of London, England, after examination, was referred to the same committee.

The First Query was read, with the answers received thereto, and deliberately and feelingly considered. The following summary answer was adopted :

Answer to First Query :

Our religious meetings for worship and for discipline have been regularly held, except in a number of instances reported from some of our smaller branches. Those held on First-days have been attended by many of our members. Those held at other times have been with some exceptions small. The hour has been usually well observed, and the behavior of those assembled very generally becoming.

Fourth-day—Afternoon.

The Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Queries were read, with the answers received thereto. The following summary answers were also read and adopted.

Answer to Second Query :

Love and unity have been very generally maintained, and tale-bearing and detraction discouraged. When differences have arisen endeavors have been used to end them.

Answer to Third Query :

A testimony in favor of the free ministry of the Gospel and against the system of a professional ministry appears to have been generally maintained.

Answer to Fourth Query :

Endeavors have been used to bring up those under

our direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel; to encourage the frequent reverent reading of the Holy Scriptures; to guard them from pernicious reading and corrupting influences, and also to be ourselves good examples in these particulars, but there are many deficiences.

Answer to Fifth Query :

We have been very nearly clear of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and with some exceptions clear of their use as drink, and careful to discourage the same. Caution has been felt respecting their use as medicine. One case has been reported of property being rented for the sale of liquors, and nine cases of signing applications for licenses to sell. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns has been guarded against, and endeavors have been used to guard against the attendance of places of harmful diversion. Moderation and simplicity at marriages, funerals, and on other occasions have been encouraged.

Twelfth of the Month and Fifth of the Week.

The Minutes of the Representative Committee were read and their labors approved.

The following requests of the Young Friends' Association, of Philadelphia, relative to the use of a portion of the property of this Meeting were considered :

First. That in lieu of the privilege heretofore granted

it by the Yearly Meeting to occupy for building purposes a strip 15½ feet in width on the easterly side of the yard, and extending 68 feet north from Cherry Street, it be now allowed to occupy and include in its building the property on the northwest corner of Fifteenth and Cherry Streets (17 by 51 feet) owned by the Yearly Meeting.

Second. That it be granted the right to occupy a strip of ground three feet in width from the present easterly line of the Yearly Meeting property, and extending north 68 feet from Cherry Street, or so much of that distance as may be available, as an area-way for light and air to the basement of its building, said area-way to be covered with an iron grating or otherwise properly protected.

Third. That it be granted the right to erect a fire escape on the westerly side of its building overhanging and entering upon the yard of the Yearly Meeting property.

Fourth. That it be granted the right of ingress and egress to its building over the Yearly Meeting property.

The Meeting united therewith and referred the subject to the Representative Committee for the purpose of arranging the terms upon which the proposition shall be carried into effect and the contracts necessary in the premises.

They are authorized to increase the width of the desired area-way to five feet.

By the reports from constituent Meetings it appears that the following-named Friends have been appointed to compose the Representative Committee the present year :

PHILADELPHIA.

Alfred Moore	300 Girard Building, Phila.
Edmund Webster	1156 S. Broad St., Phila.
Jane P. Grahame	1 Cresheim Road, Germantown, Phila.
Sarah Griscom	622 Marshall St., Phila.

ABINGTON.

Nathaniel Richardson .	Byberry, Phila.
Benjamin F. Penrose . .	Ogontz, Pa.
Elizabeth W. Hallowell.	Meadowbrook, Mont. Co., Pa.
Elizabeth H. Comly . . .	Horsham, Pa.

BUCKS.

David Satterthwaite . .	Fallsington, Pa.
John K. Searborough .	Pineville, Pa.
Anna Jane Williams . .	Holicong, Pa.
Elizabeth S. Satterthwaite	Langhorne, Pa.

CONCORD.

J. Hibberd Bartram . . .	Milltown, Pa.
Rolph M. Harvey	Ward, Pa.
Martha Dodgson	Darby, Pa.
Rachel W. Hillborn . . .	Swarthmore, Pa.

CALN.

Nathan Maule . . . . . Lenover, Pa.
Edward J. Bonsall . . . . Brandywine Manor, Pa.
Mary A. Moore . . . . . Atglen, Pa.
Ella E. Smedley . . . . . Lenape, Pa.

WESTERN.

Bennett S. Walton . . . . London Grove, Pa.
William Webster . . . . . Ercildoun, Pa.
Sarah Ann Conard . . . . West Grove, Pa.
Sarah A. Wilkinson . . . Unionville, Pa.

SOUTHERN.

Daniel C. Cowgill . . . . . Dover, Del.
Robert B. Dixon . . . . . Easton, Md.
S. Amanda Dixon . . . . Easton, Md.
Rebecca C. Hayes . . . . . Dover, Del.

BURLINGTON.

Peter E. Harvey . . . . . Columbus, N. J.
Franklin S. Zelley . . . . Jacksonville, N. J.
Priscilla H. Clothier . . Mount Holly, N. J.
Mary P. South . . . . . Trenton, N. J.

HADDONFIELD.

Enmor Roberts . . . . . Fellowship, N. J.
Josiah Rogers . . . . . Lumberton, N. J.
Lucy S. Cooper . . . . . 633 Penn St., Camden, N. J.
Annie Cooper Lippincott Riverton, N. J.

SALEM.

Mark R. Dare ..... Greenwich, N. J.
Job S. Haines ..... Mickleton, N. J.
Elizabeth J. Acton .... Salem, N. J.
Mary E. Borton ..... Woodstown, N. J.

FISHING CREEK.

J. Barton Eves ..... Millville, Pa.
David Masters ..... 3308 Baring St., Phila.
R. Anna Kester ..... Mordansville, Pa.
Anna Kester ..... 3225 Woodland Ave., Phila.

The names and addresses of Correspondents who have been appointed for subordinate Meetings were directed to be printed with the Extracts.

(For list of these see page 146.)

The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Queries were read, with the answers received thereto. The following summary answers were also read and adopted :

Answer to Sixth Query :

Care has been taken of such of our members as needed aid, and some efforts have been made to assist them in business, but a more general interest in this direction is desirable. Their children have been freely instructed to fit them for suitable occupation and self-support. One report states that one Friend's child, and another that a few Friends' children have been placed from among Friends.

Answer to Seventh Query :

Friends have been generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances without ostentation or vain display, and to keep to moderation in their trade or business, but some concern has been felt lest we yield to surrounding temptations. Mostly punctual to promises and just in the payment of debts, but occasions have arisen where care seemed necessary.

Answer to Eighth Query :

Endeavors have been used to deal with offenders in a spirit of meekness and love in order for their help without partiality, and also to reach a judgment in the authority of truth. Delays are acknowledged.

A Memorial concerning our deceased Friend, Abigail R. Paul, a Minister, prepared by the Monthly Meeting of Friends, of Philadelphia, endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting of Friends, and introduced by the Representative Committee, was read, approved, directed to be recorded and printed with the Extracts.

(For Memorial see page 118.)

Thirteenth of the Month and Sixth of the Week.

In the report from Caln Quarterly Meeting appeared the following:

"An earnest concern was expressed and united with that we petition the coming Legislature against having military drill introduced into our public schools."

Upon consideration thereof it was referred to the Representative Committee to act as way opens.

The Yearly Meeting requests the Representative Committee if an opportune time should present itself and if way opens before the next Yearly Meeting, to prepare and present to the members of the National Government a memorial embodying the testimony of Friends concerning peace.

The remaining Queries, with the answers thereto, were read and considered. The following summary answers were read and adopted :

Answer to Ninth Query :

We endeavor to maintain a testimony in favor of peace and arbitration, and against war and the preparations for and excitements to it; also against fraudulent or clandestine trade, oaths, and all forms of gambling, but more care is desirable in several of these particulars by some of our members.

Answer to Tenth Query :

Care has been taken to record all births, deaths and removals that have occurred among our members during

the past year. Copies or duplicates of marriage certificates have been made and preserved. Much care has been taken to deposit record books in places of safety approved by the Meetings.

Answer to Eleventh Query :

There are First-day Schools held in connection with our Meetings, as follows:

	No. of School.	No. of Schools under care of Committees.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Officers and Teachers Members.	No. of Pupils enrolled.	No. of Pupils Members.	No. of Pupils with one Parent a Member.	No. of Adult Members.	No. of Books in Libraries.
Philadelphia	8	8	70	52	732	400	96	279	3896
Abington .	11	11	84	64	654	376	98	262	1756
Bucks . .	7	7	74	59	721	274	71	230	2727
Concord . .	14	11	127	101	911	358	69	377	3659
Caln . . .	2	2	20	20	121	115	2	59	457
Western .	13	13	92	84	652	376	68	351	2015
Southern .	1	1	4	4	52	49	2	35	200
Burlington			49	38	453	188	39	212	3229
Haddonfield	4	4	18	17	242	163	20	123	948
Salem . . .	6	6	69	56	527	301	96	245	2046
Fishing Cr'k	3	1	15	15	129	85	16	75	275
	69	64	622	510	5194	2685	577	2248	21208

Answer to Twelfth Query :

Schools under the care of Preparative or Monthly Meetings have been reported, as follows:

	No. of Schools	No. of Schools the Pupils of which Attend Mid-week Meetings	No. of Teachers	No. of Teachers Members	No. of Pupils Enrolled	No. of Pupils Members	No. of Pupils with One Parent a Member
Philadelphia . . .	9	7	86	54	1068	231	73
Abington	6	6	18	12	225	71	45
Bucks	3		4	4	99	17	12
Concord	5	4	23	8	321	43	39
Caln				Not any			
Western	2	2	6	3	139	29	29
Southern				Not any			
Burlington	1	1	1				
Haddonfield . .	3	2	11	6	155	48	19
Salem	3	3	8	5	132	36	31
Fishing Creek . .	1	1	4	4	63	23	12
Total	33	26	161	96	2202	498	260

Answer to Thirteenth Query :

In Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting:

The Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia is now held at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

Frankford Circular Meeting is now held at 3.30 o'clock.

In Abington Quarterly Meeting:

An Indulged Meeting has been established at Ambler, under the care of Gwynedd and Horsham Monthly Meetings. It is held on First-days only at 10.30 o'clock.

In Bucks Quarterly Meeting:

The Meeting for Ministers and Elders at Bristol is now held at the rise of the Monthly Meeting preceding the Quarterly Meeting.

In Concord Quarterly Meeting:

At Darby, the time of holding the Monthly Meeting has been changed from 3 o'clock to 2 o'clock from Tenth month to Fourth month, inclusive, and all Preparative Meetings and the Mid-week Meetings during the weeks of Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meetings have been discontinued.

Birmingham Preparative Meeting is held before the meeting for worship on First-days from Fourth month to Tenth month, inclusive, at 9.30 a.m.

In Western Quarterly Meeting :

The Mid-week Meeting at Doe Run has been discontinued, except the Preparative Meeting, which is held at the usual time.

At London Grove the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders is held at the rise of the Mid-week Meetings next preceding Quarterly Meetings.

Answer to Fourteenth Query :

They are.

The following statistical reports of the membership of the Yearly Meeting were read :

	No. of Members.	No. of Males.	No. of Females.	No. over 21 years of age.	No. under 21 years of age.
Philadelphia	2902	1313	1589	2124	478
Abington	1387	659	728	1113	274
Bucks	1353	610	713	1160	193
Concord	1585	722	863	1329	256
Caln	321	159	162	268	53
Western	1436	680	756	1166	270
Southern	187	96	91	153	34
Burlington	563	268	295	477	86
Haddonfield	736	341	395	570	166
Salem	958	462	496	792	166
Fishing Creek	270	126	144	206	64
Total	11,698	5136	6262	9658	2040

The Representative Committee was requested to furnish a copy of the books in the book case to the Free Library of Philadelphia.

Sixth-day—Afternoon.

A communication from the Women's Christian

Temperance Union, after examination, was referred without reading to the Committee on Philanthropic Labor.

The joint committee appointed at a former sitting to nominate a committee on the subject of First-day Schools, presented a report. The Friends therein named were united with and appointed to the service. They are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for necessary expenses.

(For their names see page 124.)

The committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account presented the following report, which was read and adopted.

The Friends therein named for Treasurer, Correspondents, Auditors and Recorder were united with and appointed to the respective services.

The Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay their quotas of the sum of $2500, to be raised for the use of the Meeting, to Edmund Webster, Treasurer, No. 1156 South Broad Street, Philadelphia.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account met. Upon comparing the account with the orders and vouchers found it correct,

showing a balance due the meeting of $2,591.91, which is on deposit in the Fidelity Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia to the credit of Edmund Webster, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Fifth month 11th, 1897. Balance in hands of Treasurer	$3,894 01
Interest on the Sarah Zane Legacy	60 00
Interest on Deposits	50 79
Quotas from Quarterly Meetings	2,500 00
	$6,504 80

EXPENDITURES.

Orders of the Representative Committee	$1,974 43
Orders of the Educational Committee	1,126 36
Orders of the Philanthropic Committee	397 42
Orders of the First-day School Committee	40 78
Orders of the Committee on Homes	23 60
Orders of the Committee on Trusts	45 40
Orders of the Committee on Isolated Friends	4 87
	$3,912 86
Fifth month, 1898. Balance due the meeting	$2,591 94
	$6,504 80

We recommend that the sum of $2,500 be raised for ensuing year.

The Deborah Foreman Legacy of $285.00, with the accumulated interest, is on deposit in the Philadelphia Saving Fund. The interest on this legacy is subject only to orders by the Standing Committee of Women's Meeting.

Balance on deposit Fifth month 11th, 1897...	$304	62
Second month 8th, 1898. Paid to Sarah Griscom	10	00
	$294	62
Fifth month 11th, 1898. Interest on deposit..	9	20
Fifth month 11th, 1898. Balance on deposit..	$303	82

The Sarah Zane Legacy of $1,200.00 is invested in a bond and mortgage on city property. All the matured interest has been collected.

The committee are united in proposing the name of Edmund Webster for Treasurer of this Meeting. They also propose the names of Alfred Moore, 300 Girard Building, Philadelphia; Anne M. Griscom, 622 Marshall Street, Philadelphia, as Correspondents.

The committtee propose as Auditors the following Friends: Howard M. Cooper, Wm. T. Hilliard, Wesley Haldeman, Rachel W. Hillborn, Mary McAllister, Cynthia S. Holcomb, who shall examine the accounts and securities of all Trustees at a date to be fixed by said Trustees near to, but previous to the assembling of the Yearly Meeting of 1899, and report to that meeting.

The committee propose for Recorder the name of Edward C. Dixon.

On behalf of the committee,

ISSAC H. CLOTHIER,
CAROLINE S. JACKSON,
Clerks.

If any or all of the trust funds shall be transferred during the year to the proposed corporation the Auditors are authorized and directed to examine the accounts of the Trustees and the securities transferred at the time of such transfers.

The committee to nominate thirty-two Friends to act as corporators of the proposed Corporation, "Trustees of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends," reported the following, who were united with and appointed. They were directed to make application to the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia for a charter, and to proceed as indicated in the report of the Committee on Trusts adopted at a previous sitting.

They were authorized to draw on the Treasurer for necessary expenses.

To constitute the first class :

Alfred Moore,	Anna J. Lippincott,
Franklin W. Hallowell,	Eleanor Foulke,
T. Ogborn Atkinson,	Cynthia S. Holcomb,
Joseph T. Bunting,	Anna M. Bunting.

To constitute the second class :

John G. Pownall,	Elizabeth C. Thomas,
Samuel Wickersham,	Annie M. Lawrence,
Richard T. Turner, Jr.,	Matilda J. Bartlett,
Edmund R. Willetts,	Martha E. Gibbs.

To constitute the third class :

John M. Lippincott,	Mary S. Conrow,
William T. Hilliard,	Hope L. Moore,
Joseph W. Eves,	Sarah T. Eves,
Bennett S. Walton,	Anne M. Griscom.

To constitute the fourth class :

David Masters,	Naomi Walter,
Harrison Streeter,	Mary S. Parry,
Walter H. Jenkins,	Susan W. Lippincott,
Alfred D. Sharples,	Mary E. Brinton.

The Trustees of the John M. George bequest, and the Samuel Jeanes fund, and the Trustees of the Joseph Jeanes fund, were directed to pay over, assign, and convey unto the proposed corporation, the property in their hands, and the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was directed to pay over and assign unto said

corporation the amount of the Deborah Foreman and Sarah Zane legacies in his hands.

The same committee nominated the following ten Friends to act as Trustees of the property of the Yearly Meeting, situate on the north side of Cherry Street, in the city of Philadelphia, who were united with and appointed :

Anna Jenkins Ferris,
Benjamin F. Penrose,
John Wildman,
Mary Darlington,
Mary A. Moore,
Samuel Wickersham,
John C. Bartlett,
Henry R. Fell,
Emily H. Atkinson,
Rachel M. Lippincott.

The surviving Trustees of the property above mentioned were directed to convey the same to the Trustees now appointed in trust, as set forth in the report adopted by the Meeting, who were directed to convey the same unto the proposed corporation, when created, upon the same trusts as those upon which they will receive it.

In the event of the death or inability to act of any of the proposed corporators before the creation of the intended corporation, and also in the event of the decease of any of the Trustees now appointed for the property on Cherry Street, previous to the conveyance

thereof to them, the Representative Committee was authorized to appoint a Friend or Friends to fill the vacancy or vacancies thus occasioned.

The committee to prepare an epistle to our isolated members presented an essay, which was read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

The committee to prepare an epistle to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond produced an essay, which was read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign and forward a copy thereof to each of said Yearly Meetings.

The following Minute, embracing some of the exercises of the Meeting was read and approved :

We have felt during the sittings of our meeting that much loving and forbearing Christian fellowship has been shown in the conduct of the business for which we have assembled, and that it has been refreshing and invigorating to the spiritual life to be thus associated together.

While we note that the Father's hand has been so extended that one by one loved Friends who gathered with us have laid off the earthly tabernacle, we feel that the seed of the Spirit of God still lives in the children of these departed ones as they now come forward to take their parents' places.

We were cautioned against giving way to feelings of discouragement. If those who are active in the affairs of Society continually manifest such feelings in the presence of their children and others with whom they come in contact, it cannot fail to have a depressing and misleading effect upon them.

If the attendance of religious meetings and the labors given to maintain our organization produce in our members such gloomy forebodings, there can be but little inducement for young people to engage therein.

Mingling together in the true spirit of social worship should ever bring to the participants a feeling of true peace, and the influence going out from their lives should tend to the upbuilding of the individuals and society.

Our actions and our characters are the best commentaries on our form of belief.

A living concern was felt that we may draw our children to meetings with us and not stand aloof from them, but endeavor to keep close to them, remembering that the blessed Jesus said, when he took a child and set him in the midst of the people, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We were reminded of the advantage, in preservation from unprofitable and hurtful things, which lies in full occupation with those which are useful, thus overcoming evil with good. This applies in many ways and to all ages, but it was urged especially and is especially applicable in relation to guarding our children from per-

nicious reading by taking care that they are supplied with that which is useful and instructive and at the same time attractive to them.

We were earnestly exhorted to see that in their education our children shall, in as large a degree as practicable, be equipped for the duties of life.

The Meeting was exercised that we keep our testimony in regard to peace continually in mind. We need especially to keep close to our young people, that they be not carried away with military pomp and display, or any form of prevailing excitement. Our hearts go out to the men who risk or lay down their lives in the contest, many of them, we believe, in accordance with their opinions as to their duty; to their near friends who part with them; and also to the suffering people of Cuba and of Spain.

To assist the Clerks in preparing, printing and distributing the Extracts, a committee was appointed.

Our Meeting has been a refreshing season. We have been sensible of the Guiding Hand. That we may continue under its leading is our ardent aspiration.

We now adjourn to meet again at the usual time next year if permitted to do so.

Emmor Roberts, Clerk.

EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF THE

Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

HELD IN

PHILADELPHIA,

BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE NINTH DAY OF THE FIFTH MONTH TO THE THIRTEENTH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE,

1898.

EXTRACTS.

At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 9th day of the Fifth month to the 13th of the same, inclusive, 1898.

As we gathered under a feeling of trustful dependence upon our Heavenly Father the spirit of prayer overshadowed us, and He was petitioned for enlightened spiritual vision to discern His will, and for divine strength to perform it; and many hearts craved that our Meeting might be held in the power of God, and be one of His blessed opportunities for the strengthening of souls. Thankful for the privilege of thus assembling, His blessing was asked for the home circle, and for those who by reason of sickness could not meet with us. The aspiration arose that we might enter upon the business of the Meeting with stayed minds, that "the preparation of the heart and the answer of the tongue" may be "of the Lord," and may give evidence that they are grounded in that silence of the spirit which alone can qualify for service.

Reports from our eleven constituent meetings were

received and read. The one hundred and fifteen Friends named therein to attend the sessions of this Meeting as representatives were present except ten. Satisfactory reasons were given for the absence of seven.

The quotas have all been received.

To assist the Clerks in collecting the exercises of the Meeting Ada B. Mitchell and others were appointed.

Minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were presented as follows : For Robert S. Haviland, a Minister, and Joshua B. Washburn, an Elder, and companion for Robert S. Haviland, from Chappaqua Monthly Meeting, New York; for Isaac Wilson, a Minister, from West Lake Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Bloomfield, Ontario; for John J. Cornell, a Minister, and Eliza H. Cornell, an Elder, and companion for her husband, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Baltimore, Md.

It was felt to be a cause of thankfulness to have these Friends come among us. A welcome was also extended to those who had felt drawn to mingle with us without minutes. May there be a receptivity of soul to accept the message, and may we dwell so close to the Fountain of Power and to the outpouring of the Heavenly Father's love that we may be able to give,

as well as to receive, the silent help which such indwelling assures.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have been received; those from New York, Genesee, Baltimore, and Ohio, were read. These greetings from our sister Yearly Meetings have come to us as life answering unto life, by loving counsel and helpful words citing us to renewed faithfulness to known duty.

The representatives were directed to confer together, and be prepared to propose to the afternoon session Friends to serve the meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk; also a Friend as Reader. They were further directed to propose the names of Friends to unite with a similar committee of Men Friends in auditing the accounts of Edmund Webster, Treasurer of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, reporting the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, and nominating a Friend to serve as Treasurer, and two Friends to act as Correspondents of the Yearly Meeting. The committee thus named shall further nominate a small committee to audit the accounts of the Trustees of the Yearly Meeting, at a date to be selected by the Trustees, near to, but preceding, the assembling of the Yearly Meeting of 1899, and report to that meeting.

Afternoon.

Anna Janney Lippincott, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had met as directed, and were united in proposing Sarah Griscom for Clerk, Matilda Garrigues for Assistant Clerk, and Emma Speakman Webster for Reader. Upon separate consideration these were united with, and appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year.

They were also united in proposing Caroline S. Jackson, Mary E. Thomson, Cynthia S. Holcomb, Edith K. Bushong, Emily H. Atkinson, and Estelle Hall Speakman, as a committee to unite with a similar committee of Men Friends in carrying out the requirements recited in the minute read at this morning's session. The Friends named were appointed to the service.

Epistles from Indiana and Illinois Yearly Meetings were read, calling forth expressions of renewed interest. To respond to the Epistles Mary Janney and others were appointed.

The language of one of the Epistles that "legislation cannot take the place of conviction" was reverted to and impressively dwelt upon. There must be a deep and living conviction in the individual mind before the truth can be brought home to others. This

applies forcibly to the influence of the mother; there must be conviction before teaching. She must know and realize that there is a superintending power of Almightly Love before she can lead her children to yield obedience to its guidance, and thus the saving influence of a mother's love and faithfulness shall show to them the power of His teaching; and they, in turn, may bear the message of the Lord Jesus Christ to those around them.

To examine the account of the Treasurer of Women's branch of the Yearly Meeting, and to propose the name of a Friend to serve as Treasurer, a committee was appointed.

An interesting report of the Committee on George School was read and approved. The committee was continued, and the Trustees are authorized to pay over, as it may be needed during the coming year, $20,000 of the income of the Fund.

We were feelingly reminded that there is something higher than intellectual education, good and important as that is. Let us cultivate silent opportunities of introversion that the growth of the spirit be not crowded out in the effort for mental culture. "There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Only as we

come under the enlightening power of the Divine can we know of those things that fade not away.

The report of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor was presented, and the portions relating to the Indians, and Temperance were read.

Third-day, Fifth month 10th—morning.

A word of encouragement was extended in love and tenderness to those whose voices are not often heard in our midst. Should a message from the Father arise in the heart, it belongs to the meeting, and if our spirits be clothed with love and simplicity, and we be willing to lay aside our own wills, then shall we hear only the Divine Voice and the command will be obeyed. May we be instant in season and obedient to every intimation of duty, that a lively interest may be manifested in all our gatherings. The omission of known duty is the cause of all our weakness.

The reading of the report of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor was completed. It was thought to be interesting and comprehensive. The committee was continued, and encouraged to further labor.

The Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, Executor of the Will of Thomas J. Husband, is authorized to pay to Edmund

Webster, Treasurer of this Yearly Meeting, the balance of the Benjamin Coates Fund in his hands at the time of his decease, with the accrued interest thereon, and the receipt of said Treasurer for the same shall be a full and complete discharge for such payment.

An appeal was made on behalf of educated young colored women who meet with so many obstacles in obtaining employment suited to their ability.

True charity consists in giving ourselves with the gift. "That is no true alms which the hand can hold."

The Committee on the Subject of First-day Schools made a report which was read and united with. Anna K. Way and others were appointed to unite with Men Friends in bringing forward the names of Friends to serve as a new committee.

Afternoon.

We were lovingly counseled to live near to the Father who is always with us, and to follow individually that which is made known to us, and in thus yielding to the Divine will duty will be made clear. The Scripture language, "The Master is asleep in the hinder part of the ship," was feelingly revived. Though He sleep in the heart He will arise if we call

upon Him, and will still every troubled thought as we dedicate ourselves to Him.

Anna Jenkins Ferris desiring to be released as Recorder of the Yearly Meeting, the committee appointed to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as Treasurer, Correspondent, etc., was directed to propose also a Friend to act as Recorder.

To unite with Men Friends in examining some communications received by the Clerk of Men's Meeting, and advising as to their disposal, a few Friends were appointed.

A communication from the Correspondent for Distant and Isolated Friends suggesting that an Epistle be sent to them from this Yearly Meeting, showing our interest in their welfare, was read. Sympathy was expressed with the concern, and Elizabeth Lloyd, Mary P. Thomas and others, were appointed to unite with Men Friends in preparing such an Epistle.

It is not expected that this action of the Yearly Meeting shall excuse Monthly Meetings from the plain duty of corresponding with their isolated members, as enjoined by the Discipline.

The committee appointed in 1896 and continued last year to consider whether any, and if so, what changes are desirable in the Trustees by whom the

funds of the Yearly Meeting are held, presented a report which was read. Upon consideration thereof the meeting approved of the application therein mentioned, and the recommendations therein contained were united with. (See Report.)

Hannah H. Woodnutt and others were appointed to unite with a committee of Men's Meeting in nominating to a future sitting thirty-two Friends to act as Corporators of the proposed Corporation; also ten Friends to act as Trustees of the property of the Yearly Meeting situated on the north side of Cherry Street west of Fifteenth Street in the city of Philadelphia.

Now that the responsibility of administering the finances of the meeting devolves equally upon men and women, women Friends are urged to show their appreciation of the opportunity by preparing themselves for an intelligent participation in the work.

Fourth-day, Fifth month 11th—morning.

To those in whom the aspiration arises, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me," was addressed the thought that the fervent secret breathing of the soul *is* prayer, and there is not always need of the human voice. This condition of heart will bring into submission the strong self-

will that wars against the spirit, and, daily pressing on to that perfection to which we are called, we shall be preserved from evil, and shall be able to say, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee," and we shall grow from strength to strength, walking out of darkness into His marvelous light.

We had at this time an acceptable visit from our friend John J. Cornell, who came among us with a message of glad tidings to some tried spirits, and of counsel to others. Words of love and hope were addressed to the dear aged mothers among us, who are fast approaching the confines of time. For these he had only the language of good cheer, for the seed sown and trustfully consigned to the Father's care will assuredly yield a bountiful harvest.

The message, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time," was extended to tender spirits in the younger walks of life, who, having felt the Divine command, are querying "What are the five barley loaves and the few small fishes among so many?" Question not the value of even the smallest offering when prompted by the Divine, but be humbly subject to the Christ of God and there will be given strength

for every requisition of duty, and if willing obedience be rendered there will be a spiritual knowledge and growth that come only to the "life hid with Christ in God."

An interesting and satisfactory report from the Committee on Education, and the Distribution of the Income of the Samuel Jeanes Fund, was presented and read. The committee was continued, and encouraged to follow the same faithfulness in the future which has marked its work in the past.

The committee to which was referred two papers for examination recommended that one should be read, and that both should be referred to the Committee on Philanthropic Labor. That from Clarkson Butterworth, of Ohio, was accordingly read, and the recommendation of the Committee as to the disposal of the papers was approved.

A report from the committee having charge of the Joseph Jeanes Fund was read, united with, and the committee continued.

Afternoon.

The consideration of the state of our Society, as shown by the answering of the Queries was entered upon, and proceeded with as far as the Fifth Query.

If we rightly appreciate our duties as Friends we must recognize that the attendance of our meetings for worship and for discipline is a reasonable requirement, and that the small meetings are the vital spark of our Society. Are any of us so strong that we can afford to lose these opportunities, and is it not our duty to our fellow-men to gather for the purpose of worship, adding the outflow of our spirits even if we have no spoken word?

In this restless, busy age we have need to enter more and more into the silent seasons which are so important a part of our beautiful order. We should teach our children the power of silence, and to love it. In the silence of the flesh and in the life of the spirit, waiting for instruction which comes through His blessed love, we shall know a quickening power and lifting of faith; and the bond created and cemented by Divine strength shall bring us into such nearness of spirit, and oneness with Christ that the language of our hearts shall be, "I have lifted Christ in my heart and he is drawing me unto the Father."

Mothers were encouraged to early train their children to habits of industry and economy. The language comes with no uncertain sound, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end." May those who

are mothers come under the guidance of this Divine Power, and so know of his presence in their souls that there will be such an inflowing into the lives of their children, that these will come more and more into harmony with their wishes and under the regulating influence of Divine Love.

Fifth-day, Fifth month 12th—afternoon.

Our friend Rachel N. Mather expressed a concern to visit Men's Meeting under a feeling of gospel love. She was set at liberty to do so, and Elizabeth M. Cooper was named to accompany her.

The reading and answering of the Queries was continued as far as the Eleventh, inclusive. In connection with the Seventh Query an affectionate appeal was made to our young sisters who are about building up homes of their own, that they be watchful to withstand the desire to exceed the comfortable by the luxurious, thus taxing the husband beyond his ability to supply. Be strong, and bold, and true to that which is right, and to this testimony of our people, that the home be built upon a foundation of love, truth, and integrity, and be to you an abiding place of peace and rest.

In the consideration of the Eighth Query the hope

was expressed that when a Monthly Meeting for any reason may feel it right to discontinue a member Friends may still manifest a loving interest toward such.

The importance of our peace principles was dwelt upon. If we live up to the spirit of the Query we shall not only maintain a faithful testimony against war, but shall individually keep a close watch over our hearts, that our influence shall make for peace, and tend to dissipate the war spirit from the minds of the dear children, and to cultivate that spirit which was in the blessed Jesus when he said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

The minutes of the Representative Committee were presented and read; their labors were approved, and the request of the Young Friends' Association relative to the use of a portion of the property of this Yearly Meeting, was considered. The meeting united therewith and referred the subject to the Representative Committee for the purpose of arranging the terms upon which the propositions shall be carried into effect, and the contracts necessary in the premises. They are authorized to increase the width of the desired area-way to five feet.

Sixth-day, Fifth month 13th—morning.

A communication addressed to this Yearly Meeting was referred for examination to a small committee.

The remaining Queries with their answers were read. As we have searched the camp there has been found much to cheer us, and we have heard, too, wherein we have failed. Are we prepared to search our *hearts* and see how much these deficiencies are increased by our own unfaithfulness? If we are more faithful there will come the sure evidence that God has touched our hearts, operated on our spirits, and henceforth we go forward as obedient children under the impress of His holy power.

A constant desire for a closer walk with God will so lift us to a higher plane of living that the temptations around us will have less power to divert us from the right path.

The ninth annual report of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, deceased, the third annual report of the Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes Fund, and the second annual report of the Trustees of the Joseph Jeanes Fund, together with the report of the Auditors of the same, were read and approved.

The committee to nominate thirty-two Friends to act as Corporators of the proposed Corporation, "Trus-

tees of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends," made a report which was united with, and the Friends therein named appointed. (See Report.) They are directed to make application to the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia for a charter, and to proceed as indicated in the report of the Committee on Trusts, adopted at a previous sitting. They are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for necessary expenses.

The same committee nominated ten Friends to act as Trustees of the property of the Yearly Meeting situate on the north side of Cherry Street west of Fifteenth Street in the city of Philadelphia, who were united with and appointed. (See Report.) The surviving Trustees of this property are directed to convey the same to the Trustees now appointed in Trust as set forth in the report adopted by the Meeting, who are directed to convey the same unto the proposed Corporation when created, upon the same Trusts as those upon which they have received it.

The Trustees of the John M. George Bequest and the Samuel Jeanes Fund, and the Trustees of the Joseph Jeanes Fund, are directed to pay over, assign, and convey unto the proposed Corporation the property in their hands, and the Treasurer of this Meeting

is directed to pay over and assign unto said Corporation the amount of the Deborah Foreman, and the Sarah Zane Legacies in his hands.

In the event of the death or inability to act of any of the proposed Corporators before the creation of the intended Corporation, and in the event of the decease of any of the Trustees now appointed, prior to a conveyance to them, the Representative Committee is authorized to appoint a Friend or Friends to fill the vacancy or vacancies thus occasioned.

The committee to prepare an Epistle in reply to those received from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, produced one which was read and approved. The Clerk was directed to sign and forward it.

Afternoon.

The committee appointed at this morning's session to examine a communication addressed to this Yearly Meeting, reported that they had done so, and recommended that it be referred to our Committee on Philanthropic Labor, which recommendation was approved by the Meeting.

A statistical report of the membership of the Monthly Meetings within the limits of this Yearly Meeting,

was reported through the Quarterly Meetings, as directed by the Yearly Meeting of 1897. By this it appears that the membership of the Yearly Meeting is 11,698; of this number 5,436 are males, and 6,262 females; 9,658 are over 21 years of age, and 2,040 under that age.

The committee to prepare an Epistle to our Isolated Members submitted one, which was read and united with. The Clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting.

The committee to examine the Account of the Treasurer of Women's Meeting made the following report, which was approved, and Anne M. Griscom, therein named for Treasurer, was appointed to that service for the ensuing year. It was directed that the quotas be forwarded as usual.

REPORT.

The committee to examine the account of the Treasurer of Women's branch of the Yearly Meeting, and bring forward the name of a Friend to serve the Meeting as Treasurer the ensuing year, met and performed the service.

We compared the account with the vouchers, and found it correct, with a balance in her hands of nine hundred and forty-seven dollars, and sixty-two cents ($947,62).

We were united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting the name of Anne M. Griscom for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,

ANNA JANNEY LIPPINCOTT.

Philadelphia, Fifth month 13th, 1898.

It was directed that $600 shall be appropriated from this fund; $200 each, to the two southern schools, and $200 to the Mission School at Beach Street and Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia. The Clerk was authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the printing of the Extracts, and for necessary expenses.

The committee appointed to nominate Friends to serve on the Yearly Meeting's Committee on First-day Schools offered a report, with which the meeting united.

The committee to examine and settle the account of Edmund Webster, Treasurer of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and to nominate a Friend to serve as Treasurer, two Friends to act as Correspondents, Friends to serve as Auditors, and one for Recorder, offered a report, which was united with, and the Friends therein named were appointed to the respective services.

If any or all of the Trusts shall be transferred during the year to the proposed Corporation the Auditors

are authorized and directed to examine the accounts and securities as at the time of such transfers.

A Memorial concerning our friend Abigail R. Paul, was read, and was felt to be a fitting testimony to her life of loving service, bearing evidence that the endeavor to serve the Lord in the way of his requirements is ever blessed.

The business which has come before us being now concluded, we thankfully acknowledge that the counsels of our Heavenly Father have not been withheld, but that He has ministered unto us. May our faith be renewed that in our daily lives, in our active duties, He will walk with us by the way, helping us to bear up one another's hands in the promotion of Truth. Having received bountifully of His gifts may we remember the injunction, "Thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee."

The meeting concluded, to meet at the usual time next year if in accordance with Divine wisdom.

Sarah Griscom, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Containing Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, Committees, etc.

To our Friends of the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, to assemble in Fifth month next,

Greeting:—

Dear Friends:—The joy of our annual reunion, blessed as we are by uninterrupted peace and love, is heightened by the presence of Friends from other Yearly Meetings.

The reading of the Epistles was begun at our first session. They were found to be unusually interesting and suggestive. We reciprocate most heartily the sentiments of love expressed in them, and we rejoice in the evidences of vigorous activity they present.

Our own meetings have been full of life. Much of the time has been given to the reports of committees appointed last year to carry on the various lines of work undertaken by the Meeting, and as this work has been done by men and women acting together, we have held two meetings in joint session to consider these matters of common interest.

The amount and variety of philanthropic work reported is gratifying, but we do not forget that what we have done is but little, compared with what needs to be done, and we are impressed with the feeling that a still better report might be made were we strengthened by an increased individual faithfulness in little things.

The Superintendent of Indian Affairs reports that a number of our members have undertaken a personal correspondence with the Indians, and have been interested in sending them literature for use in their reading rooms and schools.

The Committee on Philanthropic Labor was authorized to add the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to the list of its departments of work. At an evening meeting arranged by this committee, the subject of prison reform was considered, and the iniquity of our laws that deprive prisoners of the right to work was forcibly presented.

The efforts of the Committee on Education have been directed mainly toward helping those of our members who desired a higher education than their parents could afford to give them, to attend one of the schools under our care or to go to Swarthmore College. An appropriation made for this purpose by the Meeting has been supplemented by a much larger sum contributed by individuals.

It is our desire that all our young people shall receive as thorough and as high an education as possible, in order that they may be better prepared for the share of the

world's work that they must do. The subject of "College Education" was presented at one of our evening meetings by Charles DeGarmo and Elizabeth Powell Bond, President and Dean of Swarthmore College; and testimony to the good influence exerted upon students by the home life of the College was borne by several who had felt it themselves or seen its effects upon others.

Our Visiting Committee has been active; and while it is impossible to measure results, we have faith in the value of the work, and have appointed another committee to continue it.

Meetings of our First-day School Association and of the Young Friends' Association of New York and Brooklyn have added much to the interest and life of this occasion, and have secured the attendance of an unusually large number of young people. The activity of our younger members and the growing attachment to our institutions of other interested persons, especially in the cities, lead us to hope that the strength and influence of our Society will continue to increase.

We have been reminded by your Epistle, and by speakers in our meetings, that it is the "spirit that giveth life"; but we have also been led to see that the "letter that killeth" is not such a deadly thing unless it is divorced from the spirit or allowed to hinder its development; that the observance of the letter in the proper spirit is necessary and helpful.

While the faithfulness of a few is better than the inactivity of many, the faithfulness of many is better still;

and we must exert ourselves to increase our numbers in order that the usefulness of our Society may be enlarged and its principles more widely taught.

With hopes for the future, founded upon our faith in the power of God to help those who help themselves, we would commend to you a continued devotion to the truths for which we stand. And in full sympathy with you in all your efforts for the spread of these truths, we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf, and by direction, of the New York Yearly Meeting of Friends, Fifth month 27th, 1897.

Wm. H. Willits, Clerk.

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Park Avenue, Baltimore, by adjournments from the 25th of Tenth month, to the 28th of the same, inclusive, 1897.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, Men's Branch:

DEAR FRIENDS:—As we gathered in this our annual assembly, we were cheered by the presence of a number of Friends from other Yearly Meetings, as well as a larger number than usual of our own members. As we listened to the reading of your acceptable Epistle of Fifth month last, together with those of the other Yearly Meetings, with which we correspond, we were renewedly convinced of the value of this correspondence; and strengthened by the evidence they bear of a similarity of concern of all our sister Meetings in harmony with our own in the varied fields of work in which we are engaged to promote a wider knowledge of the efficacy of our basal principle to meet the spiritual needs of the human family, and to extend a loving aid and sympathy to the less favored of our fellows, and to bear a faithful testimony for the uprooting of the evils which so largely interfere with human happiness.

Our Committee on First-day Schools submitted their annual report, showing that there was an increased interest in this important field of work, and that the organization of and sending forth traveling libraries had

gladly been welcomed in the places to which they had been forwarded, and that there were good grounds for hope that they would be productive of much good.

The Youths' Meeting, held on First-day afternoon, participated in by the different First-day Schools, was a valued and instructive season, and the exercises of the Bible Class of Park Avenue School in particular gave an insight not only into the methods used in the study of the Bible, but how interesting that study might be made. Two meetings were held during the week by the First-day School Association, at which addresses were given, in which the object of such schools was forcibly presented.

The cordial co-operation of the parents with the teachers was urged, both in the preparation for the study of the school and for the prompt attendance thereupon; and all were incited to depend upon the Divine opening in the mind for the qualification to teach or to learn aright.

The Committee to visit our Subordinate Meetings and their branches, report a good deal of work done, and that the result had been to arouse an increased interest in the Society, and they were continued to extend further labor in that direction as way opened.

The Committee upon the Purification of the Press made a deeply interesting and satisfactory report, in which it was shown that they had extended their work to cover not only those engaged in journalism, but to those from whom they thought an influence might be exerted to aid the editors of the papers to purify their

columns. Many interesting and encouraging responses had been received by them, and they were more than ever encouraged to persevere in their work. While considering the report our members were exhorted to use their individual influence by writing to the editors of papers that come into their homes, stating their objections to improper articles, and also to refuse to subscribe to those papers in whose columns is found such matter as would be improper to place before their families.

The Committee on Philanthropic Labor made a very full report, showing that they had been engaged not only in actively pursuing their work along former lines, but had entered upon some new phases of the work, which were promising good results.

The department of Purity claimed our special attention in the public meeting held by that committee. Much valuable and interesting counsel was given by the active workers in this cause, some of whom were from a neighboring Yearly Meeting, tending to leave a deep impression in the minds of the need of more earnest work in this direction. The importance of the proper training of children, not only for the purification of the mind, but also of the body, was earnestly presented, and a letter directed to fathers regarding their responsibilities to their sons, was adopted, and directed to be printed and circulated among them.

The annual report of the Committee on Indian Affairs exhibited rather more activity in that department of philanthropy than has been shown for several years. Those who have been laboring in this field have been

awake to such opportunities for usefulness as have been presented, and the report mentions several instances wherein, by responding promptly to the call for help, timely and valuable assistance has been rendered.

While considering the State of Society an earnest concern was expressed that there might be an increased interest in the attendance of our meetings, and particularly the smaller ones, and those held near the middle of the week. We were exhorted as individual members, who regularly attend our meetings, to endeavor to extend our influence over those who may be negligent in such attendance, from whatever cause, by the manifestation of a more loving interest through more social mingling, and thus induce them to think more seriously regarding their responsibility to the Society and to their God. A concern was feelingly expressed that our members be more faithful in the use of the plain language, and to endeavor to use it grammatically.

In the department of Temperance endeavors have been made to form a combination of all the temperance forces to effect the closing of the saloons, and much effort has been used to extend the information that some of our leading physicians are now convinced that alcohol is no longer considered necessary as a remedial agent, and are discarding its use. We were also cheered to learn that our testimony against the use of tobacco is producing greater effects.

We have missed this year from our gathering the genial and familiar presence of our friend, Levi K. Brown, who is now confined to his house by a severe accident

received in Philadelphia while attending that Yearly Meeting in Fifth month last.

A friend from his Quarterly Meeting, Nottingham, stated that Levi K. Brown had attended every Yearly Meeting from 1851 to 1896, inclusive; a longer attendance than any one present could remember. He was appointed Assistant Clerk in 1863, and served in that station until 1878, when he was appointed Clerk, from which position he asked to be relieved at the session of 1887, being a service of twenty-four consecutive years at the Clerk's table.

Much sympathy was expressed in behalf of his physical condition, with the hope that he would recover, and meet with us again in future sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The loving counsel and sympathy of those of our friends who are with us from other Yearly Meetings have been grateful to our hearts, and these, together with the testimonies of our own members, have given us renewed courage to press onward in our work, believing, as it is the work of our Lord and Master, it will not only prosper, but we shall be greeted with the reward of "well done" when our part thereof shall be completed.

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends aforesaid.

EDWD. STABLER, JR.,
ELIZABETH M. KOSER,
Clerks.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, from the 30th of Eighth month to the 2d of Ninth month, 1897.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS:—Gathered in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, it is with deep overshadowing of the Heavenly Father's love that we acknowledge the receipt and reading of your valuable Epistle. Our hearts respond in unison to these messages of love that come from the different yearly gatherings, believing truly that life is being disseminated through our membership by this friendly intercourse. We are again brought to the realization that we are few in numbers, but we have the gracious promise which is everlasting, "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst." We have been greatly strengthened by the presence of Friends from a distance, who are alive to ministerial and philanthropic labor, the need of which is great. These have appeared before us in vocal utterance, declaring the necessity of obedience to the will of the Heavenly Father, which he makes manifest in our hearts.

Our faith was strengthened by an encouraging letter from an aged Friend, whose physical condition would not permit him to assemble with us. His mind and heart are closely in touch with the Divine, and he was enabled to remind us of many helpful teachings.

The answers to the Queries called forth much thought and expression of earnest desire that they should represent our true condition. We realized the guarding in-

fluence they would have if all of us would more carefully apply them to our own lives. After the reading of the First Query, the thought was left with us that those who neglect their meetings do not appreciate their privileges. We gather for a purpose far deeper, far higher than any worldly point. We meet to receive a treasure from the great store-house of God. May each resolve now to lean more lovingly on the Father's arm.

The First-day School Association held two meetings. In the first we felt uplifted with a glow of gratitude while listening to the reading of the Epistles from other Associations. In the second session the children gathered were ready with Scripture texts, in which older Friends took part. This as always was beautiful. Recitations and readings followed; also some account of Friends leaving North Carolina because of slavery existing there, and their settling in Eastern Ohio, and the establishing later of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

The Philanthropic Committee reported work done which yielded comfort to both donor and receiver. A large and attentive meeting was held on Second-day evening in the interest of purity, addressed by Friends whose hearts were alive to the need of the work.

With a spirit of thankfulness for that which we have received, and desiring that you may be bountifully favored, we bid you farewell, and remain your friends.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting.

JOSEPH S. HARTLEY,
SARAH C. FOX,

Clerks.

From Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Richmond, Ind., from Ninth month 27th, 1897, to Ninth month 30th, 1897, inclusive.

To Men Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

DEAR FRIENDS:—We have been favored again to unite under a sense of the Divine blessing in our Yearly Meeting, by adjournments, from the 27th to the 30th of the Ninth month, inclusive, 1897.

The Epistles received from your Yearly Meeting and other Yearly Meetings were read, and listened to with marked attention and interest.

There seems to be a very inspiring and spiritual feeling and unity permeating our hearts when these annual messages are read to us. They have been to us the source of great encouragement, giving us renewed confidence that our Society is still faithfully laboring in the way of truth.

Our meeting has been rather larger than usual, and there has been a deep interest manifested. We were well pleased with the prompt response of the representatives from the Quarterly Meetings, and we feel confident that the testimonies given are conclusive evidence of increasing interest and faithfulness amongst us.

At the opening of the session we were saddened by the tidings of the death of one of our elder women Friends. While we feel great loss in the passing away

of our older members, we may justly feel encouraged by the younger class laboring in our Society, for it is to them that we must look for the upbuilding of our cause.

It may be justly noted that quite a large number of our representatives to the First-day School Association responded to the call of their names with inspiring gems of thought, which added greatly to the interest of those assembled, and what seems to us especially encouraging was, that by far the larger portion of these beautiful quotations were furnished by the younger class of representatives.

It is with great thankfulness that we note that the meetings are largely attended by the younger members of our Society, who manifest a deep interest, not only by their presence, but by the active part they are taking therein.

As the reading of the Queries progressed, we endeavored to learn to what extent our principles and testimonies, which we believe were entrusted to us by the Divine Father, have been observed, and how far we are showing, by our obedience to His will and the Light within, that we are indeed guided by his Spirit within our hearts. The Divine Light within our souls has long been the lamp by which our feet were guided to right the wrong, to relieve the suffering, to raise the fallen, and to be helpful to humanity. All these, and other important subjects, have received careful consideration and sympathy in this Yearly Meeting.

It is with no small degree of satisfaction that we are

able to trace in the line of history, from the founding of the Society by George Fox to the present time, that obedience to the Light within has been manifested by Friends all along, in adherence to the principles of truth, and in answering the Divine call to duty, as evidenced by the fact that Friends have ever been among the first to extend sympathy and a helping hand in all needed reforms.

The Philanthropic Committee is worthy of commendation for the good work which it has accomplished during the year; additional members were appointed, and were encouraged by kind expressions of sympathy.

There were great concern and interest manifested in suffering humanity, and the numerous crimes brought about by the legalized liquor traffic. This, of all wrongs which confront us to-day, should command the individual and combined efforts of our Society.

In view of this great need we appointed a committee, whose duty shall be to work in the way its best judgment indicates against the taking of revenue from the liquor traffic by the national, state or municipal governments, thus striking a blow at what seems to us to be the foundation upon which this degrading business stands; thus making the manufacture and sale of liquors a criminal instead of a legal business. May the Divine power be with us in all our efforts to eliminate this great wrong from our midst.

The interest and spiritual feeing manifested in our meetings were well maintained and greatly enhanced by

the presence and expressions of Friends from other Yearly Meetings.

With a salutation of love, we remain your friends.

On behalf of the meeting,

GEORGE R. THORPE, Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Fifteenth and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.:

DEAR FRIENDS:—Assembled in the capacity of our annual Yearly Meeting, we feel a sense of poverty and sadness as we become conscious of the fact that in numbers we are fewer than ever before, yet we are made to feel rich and rejoice for the reason that the number of concerned and loving hearts from other Yearly Meetings is greater, perhaps, than on any former occasion.

We are consoled by the thought that our limited number at this particular time is not from any indifference in regard to our religious gathering, but from causes over which they have no control, among which may be mentioned the peculiar financial conditions of the times, and the number of deaths in the various localities, of those who have been workers. Some old, some young, and in the bloom of life, have quit the field of duty here, and joined the great majority beyond the confines of time and space.

The reading of the Epistles from our kindred associations presents afresh to our minds the manifold labors in which our Society is engaged for the elevation of our fellows, and our faith is strengthened in our avowed and holy principles, which too often we see ignored by the world, especially the practical daily and business application of religion, and our hope is increased and our zeal intensified for our Society's future.

A theme of much comment was the perfect weather throughout the time of our Yearly Meeting; its balminess seemed impressed upon our inner being, the cool of the morning and the calm of the evening infusing their freshness in animating our physical being, the beauty and harmony of nature in its mysterious way touching to sweet symphony the spirit life.

On First-day morning the house was filled to overflowing, and in the afternoon and the following Fourth-day, nearly as many assembled.

Among the many beautiful and helpful testimonies borne in the public meetings some are worthy a more lasting monument than is afforded by the winged word. We were reminded that more than forms, or creeds, or beliefs it is our attitude towards the duties of our daily life and our fellow-man that characterizes vital religion; more than faith in any man-made scheme of salvation in its implicit obedience to the spiritual Christ within that insures eternal peace.

Our religion is simple; it is to do the will of God manifest in the soul.

Our catechism is easy to learn; it is embraced in one short word, love. On this simple command "hang all the law and the prophets."

He who has love can err in nothing. But he errs in judgment who strives to conceal by bland words the real inner condition of his being. Not a single selfish act can be done, or a single base thought be entertained without tainting the moral and religious atmosphere the

person carries about him, which impinging upon the atmosphere of another, influences that other for evil, likewise are virtue and purity imparted to another's uplifting.

Let us therefore build, aspiring to the high ideals shown in the Sermon on the Mount. It will make us imitators with a spontaneity such as can only be born of contact with the great "Over-Soul."

A review of the state of Society showed a general healthy condition.

The spirit of militarism was greatly disapproved of, and that of peace upheld—peace between neighbors and peace between nations. As a great portion of Genesee Yearly Meeting belongs to a different government from that of your own, we entreat you with ourselves, in the spirit of truth to deprecate that false patriotism that unduly magnifies one's own nation, and especially by misjudging and detracting another.

The philanthropic work occupied one session, and although not as extensively engaged in its various departments as some of the other Yearly Meetings, yet we feel a deep concern, and when opportunity offers, do practical work in various ways indicated by the Union for the elevation of our fellows.

We congratulate ourselves in having presented a very kindly and courteously received memorial to the Premier and Parliament of Canada in regard to many of our testimonies and advocated reforms, which we deem vital to

the highest welfare of our citizens and the best interest of our country.

The liberal Quaker spirit was early abroad, and blessed mightily the national institutions of our country in their founding. Let us not now withhold our leavening influence for good that is so much needed in the transforming and purifying of our national life.

The First-day School Association held three exceedingly interesting sessions.

We were reminded that no religious organization could long exist and prosper that does not encourage interest, and draw out the activities of its young life.

With the salutation of love, we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction and in behalf of Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Bloomfield, Ontario, by adjournments, from the 14th of the Sixth month to the 17th of the same, inclusive, 1897.

JONATHAN D. NOXON,
REBECCA E. ZAVITZ,
Clerks.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

DEAR FRIENDS:—As we have again assembled in a Yearly Meeting capacity, we have been made to feel that the presence of the dear Father was very near, and under a measure of that love that reaches out to all his children and knows no bound of time or space, we are led to address you.

The reading of your kind and thoughtful Epistle, together with those from other Yearly Meetings, kindled within us a feeling of thankfulness that we were held in remembrance, and we were comforted and cheered by the thought that though we were widely separated and working under varied and different surroundings, yet that we were all working in the Father's vineyard, and were bound together as by an endless chain of a common brotherhood, seeking to uplift the world and better the condition of the race. And in this connection the wish was expressed that we should use our best endeavors to give our proceedings which contain these Epistles a wider circulation, as they reveal perhaps better than any other medium our lines of labor, and reflect something of that sweet, inner life of self-forgetfulness and loving service for which the Society stands.

We have been favored with the company of many Friends from Eastern Yearly Meetings who were called here by the meeting of the Executive Committee of the

Friends' Conferences, a number of whom are still with us. We were truly glad to welcome the offspring of an organization which had its incipiency in our midst, but which has gone out into the world and grown to vast proportions, and which we humbly trust may be the means of bringing the Society into more direct contact with the world, that we may be led to see more clearly its wants and needs, and thus be enabled to deal with the great moral and social problems of the age by methods which the time demands.

The meeting of the Executive Committee in our midst, prior to our Yearly Meeting, was a time of spiritual uplifting, in which we caught clearer and wider glimpses of life and its duties, and a deeper sense of our individual responsibility, and the urgent need of consecrating our lives more fully to the performance of those duties. The presence of friends from other localities bearing minutes from their respective meetings, and the company of others who came without, but whose presence is likewise acceptable, has kindled in our hearts a feeling of gratitude that the great Master of assemblies has not forgotten his people, but that he still sends his devoted servants to proclaim the good tidings of the Gospel of truth and love, and of mercy which is unto all people.

Our meetings for worship have been pervaded in an unusual degree by a devotional spirit which has extended into our business meetings, enabling us to consider the various important subjects coming before us

in a spirit of harmony and forbearance, and thus keeping the "unity of the Spirit, which is the bond of peace."

In considering the state of our Society and its needs as revealed by reports from subordinate meetings, it was pointed out in a terse and forcible manner that the urgent need of the Society to-day is better methods of organized work, joined to a deeper sense of our individual responsibility, and a fuller consecration of our lives to the work. But we were lovingly reminded that all power is of God, and that it is necessary to often retire into deep stillness before Him, where we may come in touch with Him, and thus have our spiritual strength renewed.

Two interesting sessions of the First-day School Association have been held, in which reports were received from our widely separated branches, all showing that our interest in this important subject has not abated, but that devoted workers in every locality were earnestly seeking for better means and methods of making this important branch of our work what it should be, the true nursery of the church.

Reports from the various branches of our Philanthropic Committee show that much effective work has been done along the various lines of work in which we are engaged, but when we compare the magnitude of the work with the amount accomplished our souls are bowed in deep humility, yet in that humility we hear the cry of a suffering world, and we go again to our labor, believing that justice and right and purity will ultimately

prevail. Trusting that your gathering may be abundantly blessed by the overshadowing of the Divine Spirit, we bid you farewell.

Signed in and by direction of Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends by

OLIVER WILSON, Clerk.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Representative Committee, and List of Books on Hand.

This committee has been informed by the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, executor of the will of Jacob Fretz, deceased, late of Bucks County, Pa., that the testator, after giving a number of small legacies, bequeathed to the George School the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars after the decease of certain beneficiaries thereof for life, and also gave and devised to the said school all the rest, residue and remainder of his estate, in which is included real estate in the States of Pennsylvania and Florida. The committee was also informed that the will of testator contained a power to sell his real estate, and the Executor desired to be advised whether it should sell the same or whether it would be accepted in kind. Upon consideration this committee is united in the judgment that the said Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Executor of the will of Jacob Fretz, should exercise the power of sale contained in his last will and testament, and sell and convert into cash all of the real estate of the decedent when a suitable opportunity is afforded.

Alfred Moore and David Masters are appointed to give such further attention to the subject of the provisions of the said will as may be required.

The Committee having charge of the fire-proof and book-case report that the following books are contained therein:

Life of Wm. Penn.
Life of John Richardson.
Barclay's Apology.
Barclay's Catechism.
John Woolman's Journal.
Peace Principles Exemplified. S. M. Janney.
Conversations on Religious Subjects. S. M. Janney.
Summary of Christian Doctrines. S. M. Janney.
Holy Life. Hugh Turford.
Dymond on War.
Dr. Joseph Parrish's Letter.
Letter of Wm. Penn to his Wife and Children.
Short Account of Peter Gardiner.
Advice of William Penn to his Children.
Rules of Discipline.
Rise and Progress. W. Penn.
Testimonies of Truth. Jane Johnson.
Memoirs of Samuel M. Janney.
Vital Religion. S. M. Janney.
No Cross, No Crown. Wm. Penn.
Church Discipline. Job Scott.
Dell on Baptism.
Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Discipline.
Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Testimonies.

Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Ministry and Divine Worship.

Epistle of Tender Caution. Job Scott.

Life of George Fox. S. M. Janney.

Doctrine and Discipline of the Society of Friends, by William Gibbons, M.D.

Testimonies and Views of Friends concerning the Scriptures.

Retrospect of Early Quakerism.

Salvation by Christ. Job Scott.

Familiar Dialogues. S. M. Janney.

Essay on Music.

Journal of Sarah Hunt.

Blank Marriage Certificates.

Map of places of holding meetings, etc.

During the past year there have been distributed several hundred copies of books and pamphlets.

The Representative Committee, or Meeting for Sufferings, states, for the information of Friends, that the books and pamphlets in the "fire-proof and book-case" belonging to the Yearly Meeting are for distribution among those who desire to become acquainted with our religious principles and testimonies.

Members of the Representative Committee have access to the "fire-proof" by application to Benjamin Walton, on the premises.

It is expected that Friends who have a concern to distribute books and pamphlets contained therein will ap-

ply to any member of the committee appointed by his or her Quarterly Meeting.

A book is provided for the purpose of recording books taken out, and the name of the Friend granting the order, "and it is desired that such entry shall not be omitted."

Extracted from the Minutes of the meeting of the Representative Committee, or Meeting for Sufferings.

ALFRED MOORE, Clerk.

A Memorial of Abigail R. Paul, prepared by the Monthly Meeting of Friends, of Philadelphia.

As an encouragement to those who remain, and with grateful appreciation of the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father, it is desired to make some record of His dealings with one of His children, who exhibited a child-like trusting faith in His power to lead and guide. She felt, as expressed in her own words, "that the first great business was to keep close watch and ward over her own heart, seeing that out of it were the issues of life, and to take heed to her stepping, lest she stray from the 'straight and narrow way' appointed for her."

Abigail Reeves Paul was born at Port Elizabeth, N. J., on the eleventh day of First month, 1830. The eldest of seven children of William M. and Mary Ann Paul (who were removed by death when the youngest child was but six months old), she shared with her sister the care and responsibility of the family, and this testimony is borne concerning her: "She was ever a loving daughter and sister, anxious to influence those around her for good."

She tells of herself when but seven years of age, returning with her parents from the Yearly Meeting at Richmond, Ind., in which state they were then residing, that circumstances compelled them to accept the hos-

pitality of strangers. After family prayers the host laid his hand on her head, and prayed most earnestly that "this little girl might be kept unspotted from the world." The circumstance made a strong impression on her, and she felt had an influence on her whole after life.

Abigail began teaching school when in her fifteenth year, but afterwards attended the Boarding School of Mary S. Lippincott at Moorestown, N. J., for several sessions. The testimony of one who knew her at that time is, "as teacher, pupil and companion her influence was refining and elevating. She naturally loved the good and the true."

She taught at Alloway's Creek, Salem and other places in South Jersey, the latter part of the time in the Friends' School. Later she had charge of the advanced classes in Eli M. Lamb's School in Baltimore. This proved too arduous for her health, and she was obliged to give up the position that was so pleasant to her, returning to Salem after a short stay in Philadelphia. Then ensued some years of great weakness and intense bodily suffering. After her health improved, she resumed teaching in Salem, until she finally came to Philadelphia in 1887, residing with her sister, a helpful, loving member of the family.

It was not merely her scholarship and thoroughness which rendered her so valuable as a teacher, but the pure moral influence she exerted. She thought it not sufficient to instruct in book knowledge, but was even

more concerned to assist those under her care in laying the foundation for good character and right living. Many remember the deep interest she manifested in her pupils, and her sympathetic companionship with them outside of school.

From early childhood she was fond of writing verses, some of those produced in her maturer years giving fit expression to the depth of spiritual experience which had been her portion.

Abigail had always been of a serious, thoughtful turn of mind, but there came a time when religious subjects took a still deeper hold upon her. While in Baltimore she was appointed to serve upon the Epistle Committee of the Yearly Meeting, and before entering upon that service she felt it her duty to remove the superfluous trimming from her bonnet and dress, and from that time gradually became plainer in her attire, until she finally assumed the garb in which she is most generally remembered. Although feeling it right to adopt that form of dress herself, she was very careful not to try to influence any one else to do so, neither did she judge others by their outward appearance.

She attached much value to the social mingling with her Friends, and made many opportunities to offer her hospitality to them.

A Christian duty which she faithfully practiced was the seeking out of those in the more retired portions of the vineyard. She was not unmindful that the comprehensive teaching of the blessed Master embraced not

only the keeping ourselves unspotted from the world, but also the visiting of the widows and the fatherless in their affliction. May her example be an incentive to those who remain in the pursuance of this most Christ-like service.

Early in her religious life she felt a call to the ministry; her qualification was believed by Friends to be in power and in truth, and her gift was acknowledged by Salem Monthly Meeting, Eighth month 27th, 1879.

On the seventh of Fifth month, 1887, she was appointed Assistant Clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, being the first woman Friend to occupy that position. Minutes of unity were granted her by Salem Monthly Meeting as she felt called to visit in Gospel love New York and Baltimore Yearly Meetings, Warrington, Nottingham and Bucks Quarterly Meetings.

Having removed to reside within the limits of this Monthly Meeting, her certificate was received on the second of Eighth month, 1887. From this meeting she received minutes of unity to visit Baltimore and New York Yearly Meetings and Southern and Warrington Quarterly Meetings.

In her sermons she set forth with great clearness the doctrines of our religious Society as she understood them, endeavoring to impress upon Friends the necessity of purity and holiness of life and of works of practical righteousness.

She was especially favored in vocal prayer; her ex-

pression of thankfulness to the Source of all good for our many blessings, and her earnest petitions for their continuance were very impressive.

Her sympathetic nature, as well as her abiding faith, rendered her presence and her exercises in the ministry at funerals very acceptable. The many demands of this character upon her physical strength and her time were met with conscientious fidelity, frequently in cases where the persons were but slightly known to her. Her services upon these solemn occasions are doubtless remembered with gratitude and consolation.

After attending all the sittings of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in 1894, and taking her usual active part in the proceedings, she felt called to attend New York Yearly Meeting, and was never quite well after.

On account of physical weakness she was unable to be present at the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in the summer of 1894, and, as one of the evidences of her faithfulness to duty, we make the following extract from a letter which she addressed to that body: "Very gladly and thankfully would I gather with you to enter into the close self-examination which the reading and answering of these special queries always incites, and to share in the good things which may be handed forth for our spiritual sustenance; for these meetings are often to me solemn assemblies, a time of renewal of covenant and of a reverent realization that the Lord's banner over me has been love."

A quotation from a personal letter is thought also to

be worthy of repetition, since it summons to the ancient standard of direct revelation of the will of our Father: "I am trying to do nothing hastily or wilfully, but patiently to 'turn the fleece' again and again, hoping to see clearly what is right."

In Eighth month she was stricken with violent illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, passing quietly and peacefully from earth on the eighth of Ninth month, 1894.

Thus was removed from our midst one who, being dead, yet speaketh, for her loving counsel and her earnest desire that each might keep close to the Guide within, will long be remembered by those who were privileged to feel the influence of her gentle spirit.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Read in and approved by the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, held the twenty-second day of Twelfth month, 1897.

SARAH J. ASH,
ALFRED MOORE,
Clerks.

Read in and approved by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held Second month 8th, 1898.

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